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The beginning of big names?

Northwest may be putting the lid on no-names and has-beens with proposed activities fee

BY JESSE SWEDBERG
PORTER

Northwest students craving for more on campus will vote this week on whether to approve an activities fee.

If implemented, the fee will charge full-time students enrolled in more than 12 credit hours a semester \$25 per semester. Part-time students taking 11 or fewer credits will be charged \$12.50 per semester, Dix said.

These fees were determined based on research on Northwest's peer institutions' activities fees and the current maintenance costs.

"We wanted to make sure that if we were going to pass a fee that the price was reasonable and it would be able to sustain for at least five years," Dix said.

Dix said the fee compared with Northwest's peer institutions' activities fees is in the lower mean. The highest peer institution activity fee is Central Missouri State's \$35 per semester.

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Northwest a step closer to merging with UM System

Board of Regents approve merger with 7-1 vote on Memorandum of Understanding

By JANEA PHILIP
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

The Northwest Board of Regents will proceed with the proposed merger with the University of Missouri system after a 7-1 approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Saturday.

Regent Lydia Hurst was the one member that did not agree with the forwarding of the merger. The resource allocation benchmark model of the UM system was one reason for her "nay" vote. The benchmark model, Hurst said, should be part of the signed agreement.

"I did not feel comfortable with the business process and the desire to hurry for a vote without a clear funding formula," she said.

According to Ray Courter, vice president for finance, inserting a formula into a statute would cause for a

consistent change in the statute.

"It's pretty much impossible to write (the resource allocation model) in the MOU," Courter said.

Student Senate president, Emily Dix, addressed the board to offer suggestions to increase student awareness of the merger. Dix cited tuition and fees as the biggest concern for students.

Hubbard led the discussion of the merger, explaining opportunities and challenges for the Northwest campus. He emphasized the importance of the four Northwest Decision Drivers: student success, student, faculty and staff satisfaction, financial viability and enrollment.

"Whether or not we capitalize on those opportunities will depend on us, not someone else," Hubbard said.

Although the benchmark model is not part of the final agreement, Hubbard discussed the opportunity to benefit from it if the University to benefit from it if the University (Please see 'Northwest' page A5)

Reward offered for information to vandalism

American Legion offers \$500 for information leading to arrest of local World War II monument vandals

By JARED HOFFMANN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A reward is now being offered for information regarding the recent vandalism of a local war monument.

The American Legion and Host Lions Club are offering a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for vandalizing the World War II monument located outside the Nodaway County Court-

house.

Keith Wood Director of Public Safety said there are no developments in the case, but hopes that the reward will prompt witnesses to come forward.

"The community is outraged by this incident," Wood said. "That's the main reason for the reward fund and it's our best shot at finding a suspect."

The monument, which was adorned with the names of local war veterans, was destroyed in January when it was tipped

over by one or more individuals, shattering it into several pieces.

Maryville Public Safety has made sweeps of local businesses that were open at the time of the incident in efforts to locate witnesses, but all such efforts have turned up empty.

While no one has yet to be named suspect in the case, Wood believes the act could not have been committed by just one person.

Wood thinks the act will be classified as a felony property damage if charges are filed. The offense is punishable by a fine and possible jail time.

One name honorably engraved on the

granite monument was Leon Miller. Miller, who played a big part in constructing the monument, was shocked that someone could commit such an act.

"Whoever did it must have been childish or drunk," Miller said. "I hope they can find the culprit."

Mark Allen, owner of Clinton L. Allen Monuments Inc. has been contracted to construct a new monument for \$10,000. The engraving of the names of 400 local veterans will begin in about 60 days, pending the arrival of the large granite structure.

If you have any information regarding the vandalism of the war monument, please contact Public Safety at 562-3209.

Hubbard will be renamed Chancellor, may receive 37 percent raise if merger passes

Northwest responsible for coming up with \$250,000 for Hubbard's new salary

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Northwest will have to foot the bill with a \$250,000 base salary for newly-named Chancellor Dean Hubbard if the merger with the University of Missouri System is passed.

UM system President Elson Floyd told The Associated Press that salaries of chancellors for the current UM campuses—St. Louis, Columbia, Kansas City and Rolla—would be raised to \$250,000 and each campus would be responsible for funding the increase.

However, David Russell, director of University Relations for the UM System, said that base salary may change next fiscal year.

"While (Floyd) decided to bring

(salaries) up to parity, he's not sure they're going to stay that way," Russell said. "It's the challenge for the legislature to get the appropriations needed."

Russell also stressed the current UM campuses are voluntarily gathering private funds to pay the chancellors' salaries.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard is under contract as Northwest president until June 30, 2005 with a base salary of \$158,064. The projected 37 percent raise is similar to what UMKC Chancellor Martha Gilliland earned when she received a 36 percent raise.

"Elson Floyd and I have never talked about the particulars," Hubbard said. "He asked, 'What do you expect to get out of this?' And I told him, 'I expect to have my contract honored.'"

While some people may think Hubbard is in it only for the money, he quickly countered that statement.

(Please see 'Hubbard' page A5)



Notebook computers to be next addition for electronic campus

Regents approve future replacement of portable notebooks for personal computers in residence halls

By LACEY BAGLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest's electronic campus is doubling computer access with a plan to issue every student living on campus a notebook computer.

Every student currently living in a residence hall shares a desktop personal computer with his or her roommate. On Feb. 7, the Board of Regents approved the plan to include notebook computers in the new apartments and suites. The dormitories won't receive notebooks until fall 2005.

Jon Rickman, vice president of information systems, says that it is time to update computers in the residence halls.

"The life cycle of the Gateway computers currently in the (residence) halls are to the point that we are defining the next upgrade plan," Rickman said. "The new plan takes into account that the cost and performance of a notebook is, for all general purposes, equivalent to a desktop

computer with a flat screen plasma display."

Rickman said there are of advantages to notebooks that residents will be able to appreciate. The computers will take up less desk space, which is limited in most rooms. They're also portable, unlike the desktop computers which are locked in place with a cable and padlock.

Merlin Miller, manager of academic computing, says that giving each resident a personal computer will also benefit students that live off campus by freeing up computer labs in Owens Library and Colden Hall.

"Other universities that have notebooks still have labs, but they don't have to have as many," Miller said.

The new plan saves money by lightening usage loads on the labs. They also save on maintenance costs. A stipulation of having portable computers is the students must bring the machine to the technician to be repaired instead of the technician going to the site of the machine.

(Please see 'Notebook' page A5)

Officials share goal to increase student numbers

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest's freshman to sophomore retention rate stands at 71 percent, but a new University committee shares a common goal to increase that rate to 73 percent within the next two years.

"Northwest has historically done well in that particular area," said Beverly Schenkel, co-chair of the committee and dean of enrollment management. "We have, in the past, led the moderately selective institutions."

The fall 2003 enrollment numbers include 1,185 first-year students and 1,141 second-year students.

Schenkel said since Northwest is a champion of the enrollment and retention strategic initiative, a committee was formed to improve and sustain its successes.

Frances Shipley, dean of Northwest's graduate program, said the University has not had a committee like this in some time.

The committee consists of 30 faculty and staff members who are already working on enrollment and retention issues. These members are leaders from Enrollment Management, Student Affairs, department directors, selected faculty members, staff from different student services across the campus and students.

The committee will first seek to divide its members into subgroups so that each can be effective in its work.

The committee will meet once a month. The next meeting is Feb. 24 to focus on retention of international and minority students.

Schenkel said the committee will look at ways to stabilize its undergraduate enrollment in the University's new markets. The committee will also focus on ways to retain students through its current student services.

She said the committee would be looking at goals to increase its graduate program enrollment, to open up new markets for the program and provide new graduate degrees and certificates.

Shipley said the overall thing the committee wants to do is design a marketing plan for the graduate school.

"They have a pretty good marketing plan in place for the undergraduate programs, but there has never been a comprehensive marketing plan for the graduate program," Shipley said.

Shipley said that Northwest would benefit from this committee by increased enrollment in graduate programs.

"I think that ultimately, the University will benefit from having a higher graduation rate, stabilize enrollments of our continuing students and increase student satisfaction within the University," Schenkel said.

Attell's act rocks Mary Linn

By ABBY SIMONS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

He's raunchy, unshaven, middle-aged and bald. And in all his chain-smoking, hard-drinking glory, Dave Attell proved himself the comedic hero of a sold out Northwest crowd.

The New York native and host of Comedy Central's "Insomniac with Dave Attell" brought his no-holds-barred act to the Mary Linn Auditorium Monday as part of his North American comedy tour. Clad in trademark work boots and blue jeans, Attell worked the all-ages crowd, taking on such topics as sex shops—and Maryville's lack thereof, the pain and pleasure of getting his "ass kicked" and that one weird kid that appears to be a main staple in every small heartland town.

"They always like to say 'That's his way,'" Attell said, describing the guy he swears everyone knows. "He likes to carry around empty bowling bags with Snickers in them, that's just his way..."

Marking the last local stop of his tour, which included Missouri cities Columbia and Kirksville as well as Omaha, Neb., the single 38-year-old has returned primarily to stand-up comedy following the success of "Insomniac." After three seasons of writing and hosting the cult hit turned comedy sensation, in which Attell chronicled the nightlife of cities throughout the nation by carousing with partiers and graveyard-shift workers—and yes, he really does drink that much—the show has now reverted to special episodes that run on occasion.

The popularity of "Insomniac," Attell said, is what ultimately resulted in the wrap-up of the regular series.

"It got too hard to do it in the states because too many people knew about it. We'd go the bars and everybody would really inundate us, where it used to be me and a couple a drinks," Attell said while smoking a pre-show Parliament outside the Performing Arts Center. "Now it's like a kind of gigantic 'American Idol' audition. It wears you out, but it's kind of just life on the road, and I'm

pretty much used to it. Being a drunk and all, it comes with the territory."

After 17 years in stand-up, Attell acknowledged that the business has undergone hardships of its own, including censorship and an ongoing battle against obscenity—one frequently faced by up-and-coming comics.

"It's harder to get people to come out and see you now," he said. "A lot of people only know people who are on TV. I'm pretty lucky because people see my show, so they come see me, but it wasn't always like that. It's changed a lot though, it's a lot more politically correct, it's a lot harder to cut loose because crowds can get really offended."

Even so, Attell's largely-student audience appreciated the breath of fresh, vulgar air.

"I thought this was something that maybe opened minds for the older crowd on campus and reminded them that it's okay to be politically incorrect once in awhile," said junior Scott Griffin. "It's okay to just relax and have a good time."

Satisfaction not limited to Northwest students, Savannah, Mo. resident Dennis Sullivan traveled to Maryville to catch the show, finding himself pleasantly surprised that Attell's cleverness surpassed the typical script of well-rehearsed jokes.

"I liked it a lot," he said. "I watch 'Insomniac' a lot, and he's a lot more improvisational than I thought the show would be."

But was the show's off-color humor a cause for concern?

"He is crude," Sullivan said. "But in this overly politically correct world, he has found his niche."

Attell said that while he plans to stick with comedy, despite the fact that most groupies these days are "fat, middle-aged guys in Weird Al Yankovic T-Shirts," he's single and still looking for the right woman—because he's not gay—to settle down with, perhaps even to raise a family.

"I was thinking about it, right here in Maryville," Attell said. "I noticed there's a farm for sale up the road."



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Comedian Dave Attell chats with reporters in a post-show press conference Monday. The star of Comedy Central's "Insomniac with Dave Attell" performed for a sold out crowd Monday, taking on such topics as spring break, talking parrots and, of course, sex.

Dave Attell on:

John Jackson's Super Bowl 'wastrobe malfunction'
"I think it's about time we have more boobs in the Super Bowl halftime. We have to get that out of the NASCAR scene."

The Democratic presidential candidates
"I like all the candidates. I kind of wish it was more of a buffet, where you get to pick and choose a little quality from each one, but I like John Kerry because he was in Vietnam, and he came back and he wanted to help people, much like a hero of mine, Magnum P.I."

University Events

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12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Science Olympiad Theatre: "Rising of the Moon" and "Trifles," 7:30 p.m., Studio Theatre, Performing Arts Center Spoken Word: Poetry recitals featuring Quincy Hull, Union Ballroom, 7 p.m. Movie Night: Date/Girls Night with free sweets, Union Ballroom, 10 p.m. "Relationships: Are You Thinking?" first floor Union, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. |
| Fri
13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Peer Prime Players: Messages from the Theatre, Union Living Room, noon ABC Date Auction, Union Ballroom, 7 p.m. Minority Men's Organization presents: Tribute to the Ladies, Union Boardroom, 7 p.m. |
| Sat
14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valentine's Day Show Choir Festival Women's Basketball vs. Pitt State, Bearcat Arena, 5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Pitt State, Bearcat Arena, 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun
15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday Night Church, Union Ballroom, 9 p.m. |
| Mon
16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daryl Davis Lecture: Relationship with KKK, Charles Johnson Theatre, 7 p.m. President's Day |
| Tues
17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Film Festival: "Amistad," Union Ballroom, 7 p.m. |
| Wed
18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Career Day Spades Night, Union Living Room, 6 p.m. |

Speaker to present a journey into bigotry

The KKK inspires Daryl Davis to teach about racial controversy

By JANEAL PHILIP
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Next week Daryl Davis will discuss his life threatening explorations into the world unknown to any black man.

Presenting his lecture on race relations for Northwest Black Achievement Month, Davis will focus on the topics of his book "Klan-Destine Relationships," which discusses his encounter with various members of the Ku Klux Klan over the last 10 years.

By setting up surprise meetings and attending KKK rallies, Davis has "inadvertently stumbled upon a successful method of forming friendships between sworn enemies."

"I have Klan robes and hoods hanging in my closet, given to me voluntarily by members who have

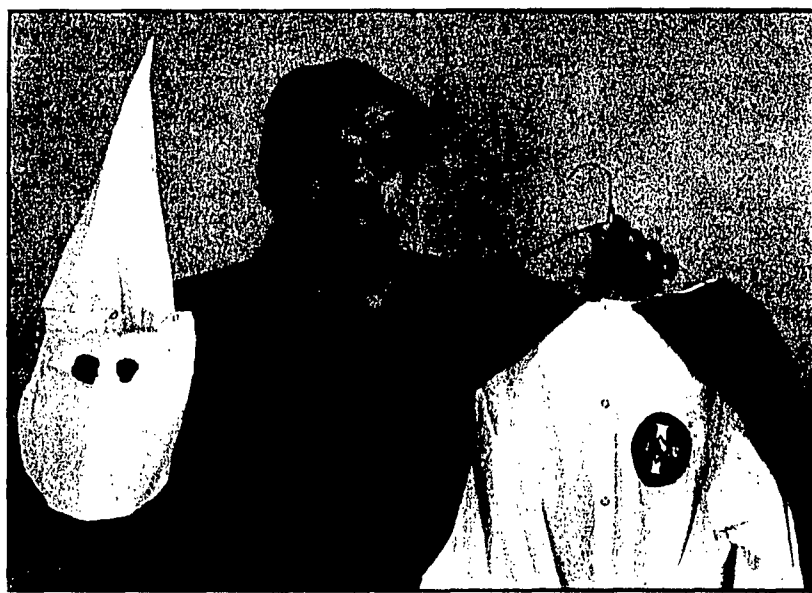


PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
Daryl Davis displays the robes and hoods of Klan members reformed because of his motivational speaking. He keeps the robes as a reminder of the lives he has changed.

quit the Klan since coming to know me," Davis said.

He has received negative criticism from both black and white people because of his efforts to

confront prejudices. The white majority felt his lectures are "politically incorrect," while the black majority considers him an "Uncle Tom."

"How many robes and hoods have

you received as a result of your methods?" Davis asks his skeptics.

His lectures are known to inspire and encourage people to confront their fears of racism.

Davis has been recognized by CNN, CNBC, Good Morning America, The Learning Channel, The Washington Post, The Washington Times and many other corporations for his unique lectures.

A press release from Wolfman Productions said people "leave the lecture seeking and hopefully finding a common ground, to help forge peace with their most unlikely adversaries."

Davis earned his bachelor's degree in music from the historically black college, Howard University.

Along with his lectures on race relations, he is an established rhythm and blues musician. He has toured with the Muddy Waters Legendary Blues Band as a member of the Daryl Davis Band.

Davis will speak on "Klan-Destine Relationships," Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theatre. Admission is free.

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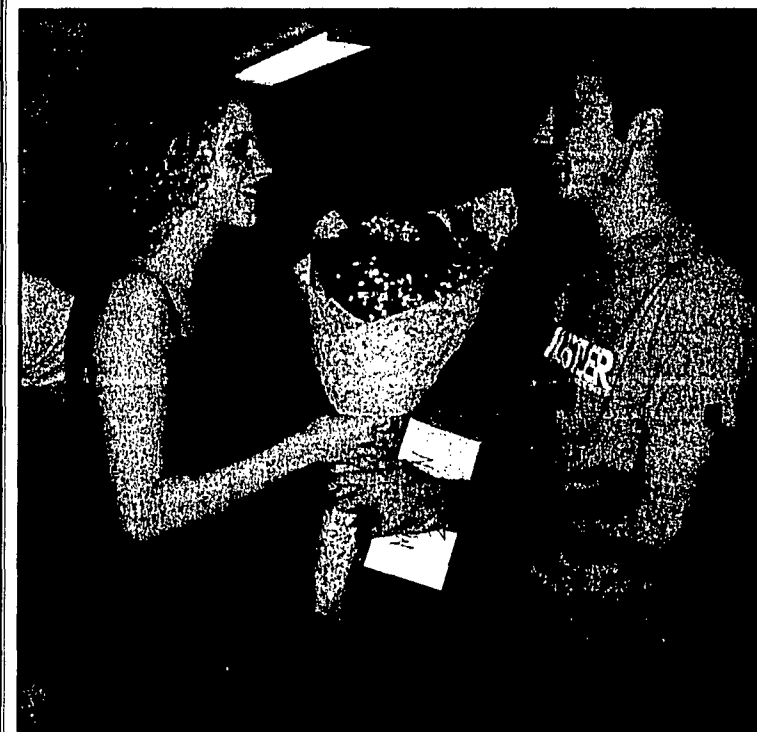


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Allie Hampton presents Richard Blair with a dozen roses and \$50 cash for winning "Mr. Hudson 2004." The event took place on Tuesday night at Hudson Hall and featured five men and one woman all competing through such categories as evening wear, question and answer, swimsuit wear and special talent. Blair performed a song he wrote for his talent. "It was very exuberant," Blair said. "I'm going to put the money towards the production of my upcoming CD."

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Investigator makes bid for county office

By ANTHONY STIENS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Steve Whittington, currently an investigator with the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department, has announced his intentions to file for North District Commissioner in the upcoming November election.

Whittington believes his previous experience would be an asset to the job. Prior to working with the Sheriff's Department, he has worked as a drainage contractor and for various municipalities throughout Northwest Missouri for more than 30 years. Whittington said the position is one that should be taken seriously.

"I will not treat this as a part-time job and will carry no other jobs if elected," Whittington said.

The North District Commissioner serves the northern part of Nodaway County and its townships. The commissioner deals closely with the road and bridge crews and must hold commission meetings and control the department's budget.

Whittington, 56, will file for the position on the Democratic ticket, knowing he will have at least one opponent. Incumbent Wayne Nelson, currently in his 12th year as North District Commissioner, will run on the Republican ticket.

"I certainly intend to file for North District Commissioner," Nelson said.

Working closely with Nodaway County as an investigator the last six years, Whittington feels he has what it takes to give the county what they need.

One goal in particular involves the emergency response Nodaway County has in place.

"There must be improvements made to the current 911 system," Whittington said.

Whittington said that with a fresh perspective, other changes would follow.

"I feel it's time for a change," he said. "A time for new ideas and new blood in this position."

The winning candidate in the November election will assume the position of North District Commissioner on Jan. 1, 2005.

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Teaching through time: After three decades, Barb Drake's love for teaching hasn't waned

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

As Richard Nixon resigned from presidency and the Beatles parted ways, Barb Drake conversely made a beginning in a profession that has lasted more than three decades.

With 32 years under her belt, Drake has surpassed all teachers in terms of experience with the Maryville R-II School District.

Looking back, Drake remembers a distinct passion to be in her profession.

"I always wanted to do something in the educational field," Drake said. "I just didn't know exactly what."

Growing up in Walnut, Iowa, Drake then made her debut into the workforce as a waitress at a country club in Chicago. "Working for very rich people", and enduring a harsh degree of manual labor motivated her to pursue higher education at Northwest.

"When I went to school, women were usually a nurse, a secretary or a teacher," Drake said. "Well, I hated blood and didn't want to take coffee to a man the rest of my life, so it was a good thing I wanted to be a teacher."

Initially, Drake began teaching English and speech, but she needed a change. Therefore, in the fall of 1993 she made the transition from the classroom to the library. She then took classes to be certified in library science, and has loved it ever since.

"I would never switch back to the classroom," Drake chuckled. "I have the best of both worlds. I get to work



Barb Drake, who has been a teacher for over 30 years, loves to see her students improve and mature. Since 1993 Drake has been assisting students as the librarian at Maryville High School.

with and help the students, but I don't have to grade their papers."

Her fondest memories of teaching were working with her own children.

"It's fun to see how they mature and grow in school," Drake said with a nostalgic smile. "I wouldn't have had that opportunity elsewhere. It's a great career for a mom."

Over the years, Drake modified her teaching techniques because of overall student disposition. "Student attitudes have

changed," Drake said with a concerned look in her eye. "The average student is not as self-motivated as he used to be."

Drake tries her best to push students along and help them, while attempting to adhere to a much more visual generation. She incorporates such things as Power Point presentations in her lesson plan as accommodations.

Although Drake said she would not have made any other career choice, there is one thing that she doesn't particularly care for in her profession.

"Being a librarian, you have to do a lot of reports to the state and paperwork," Drake said. "I would much rather be spending that time with the students."

There are numerous reasons why Drake still calls Maryville home after so many years.

"I have had no desire to leave," Drake said. "Maryville is a great town to live in as well as raise kids. I like the community and the school system. People care about each other here."

If you know a face in the crowd, contact Aaron Bailey at 562-1224 or ab Bailey@missourianonline.com

Awards, recognition mark annual banquet

By JESSICA SWARTZ
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The smell of barbecue and the sound of saxophones wafted through the crowd that gathered for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The banquet is held each year to give out annual awards and honor outstanding citizens. The new Board of Directors is also announced.

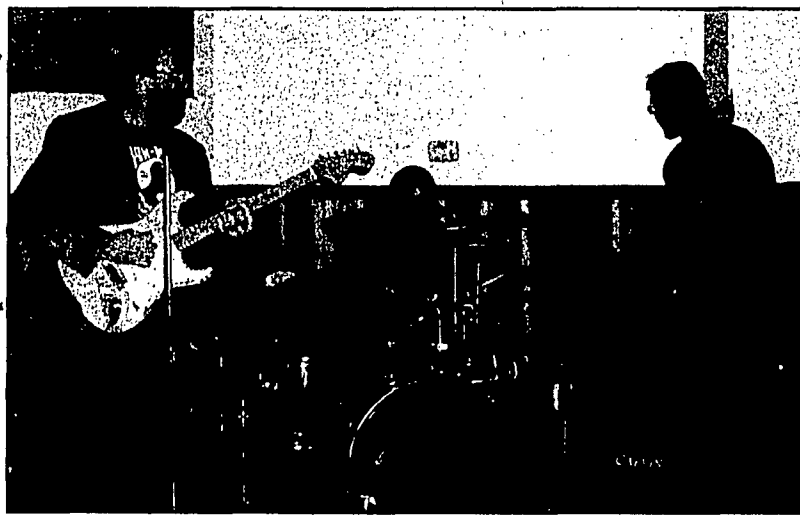
Several citizens went home as recipients of an award. Among the awards presented were the BPW Women Mean Business Award, the MCAA Outstanding Service Project Service Award, the Good Citizen Award, the Distinguished

Service Award and the Spearhead Award.

According to Lisa Luke, executive director of Maryville's Chamber of Commerce, attendance was down from expectations. Bad weather led to a forced rescheduling that was to account for the decreased attendance.

Approximately 140 citizens were present however, for the award ceremony, the passing of the gavel from one Chamber of Commerce president to the next and the band's exuberant performance.

During the ceremony, former president Mark Gregg passed the symbolic gavel to new president elect Carol Jean Osborn.



The blues band Partly Dave performed for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday. During the banquet, various awards were given to outstanding members of the community.

Area musician holds concert to release CD

By JEREMY SCHWENK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With guitar in hand and harmonica in mouth, Ryan Patrick Imming rocked the Pub Friday during his CD release party.

Imming has toured with such artists as Sheryl Crow, Michelle Branch, Dave Edmunds and Better Than Ezra.

Imming, who has raised his status through the Internet and word of mouth, will soon be recording demos to hand out to interested fans.

"I feel it's the best way to get yourself heard and I want to have my name heard more often," Imming said.

Imming has his own production studio at his home in Lee's Summit, Mo., and spends thousands of dollars on the production of his albums.

"I gave my two weeks notice at my full time job two weeks after 9/11 and have enjoyed my music career ever since," Imming said.

The crowd of 40 enjoyed Imming's performance and made him feel welcome with overwhelming applause.

"They were awesome," Imming said. "I was surprised by the turnout, this being my first time here."

Imming, who expresses his passion for music through the meaning of his vocals, just released "Indian Summer," the follow-up album to his debut "Remember Who You Are."

Imming was inspired by his grandfather's thoughts on life while creating his first album.

"He's given me a lot of advice," Imming said. "It's really helped me find what it is I want to do with my

life—and that's music."

One strength Imming showed Friday was his ability to relate to the audience.

"Ryan knows how to entertain a crowd," said freshman David McGonigle, a fan of Imming. "I had a blast. He got everybody in a good mood. Every time you hear him, you get something out of it."

Imming, raised in Kansas City, Mo., is currently on tour in the Midwest and will have his next concert at the Café New Yorker in Overland Park, Kan., at 8 p.m.

Imming's next stop will be at the Fieldhouse in Columbia, Mo., on Feb. 18. To find other dates and more information, you can visit Imming's Web site at www.rpimusic.com

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Community events

Thurs. 12 ■ Pest Management Workshop 9:30 a.m. Forage Systems Research Center-Lincoln, Mo.

Fri. 13 ■ Sam Graves' Mobile Office stop 11 a.m. Nodaway County Courthouse

■ PACE 10 a.m. Maryville Community Center
■ Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance 6:30 p.m. Nodaway County Courthouse

Sat. 14 ■ Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Valentine's Day Dinner 5:30 p.m. St. Gregory's gymnasium

Sun. 15 ■ Susan B. Anthony Day

Mon. 16 ■ President's Day
■ You and Me group Maryville Community Center

Tues. 17 ■ Cancer Support Meeting 6 p.m. Laura Street Baptist Church

Wed. 18 ■ Free Tax Help for the Elderly Nodaway County Senior Center

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Ryan Patrick Imming screams out lyrics during his performance Friday at the Pub. Imming covered such artists as Paul Simon and O.A.R., along with songs from his new album.

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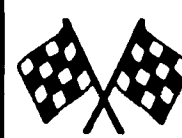
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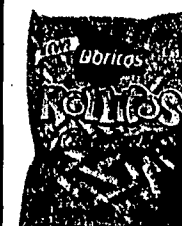
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Left in the dark

The upcoming vote for Student Senate's proposed activities fee comes with too little information, not enough discussion

As comedian Dave Attell prepared to perform in front of a full house at the Mary Linn Performing Arts center Monday, cards with the words, "Vote Yes on a student activity fee" were distributed.

And while an activity fee is sorely needed at Northwest, we at *The Missourian* feel this proposal should be reworked and presented differently.

For instance, students who did not attend the Feb. 3 Student Senate meeting would not have found out about the vote until the next day. Not only that, but questions regarding what entertainers are coming, when they will come and where they will perform have yet to be answered.

Granted, on the back of the "Vote Yes" card, artists including Kenny Chesney, Nelly, Clay Aiken, 50 Cent, Rascal Flatts and Tim McGraw are listed as talent that could come to Maryville, but who said they will want to come? What if the anticipated paid attendance is under their respective target crowds? And even though Senate says they will have three choices, what if those three choices are not what people want?

We do acknowledge and appreciate the fact that some Senators voiced their concern about the vote at Tuesday's meeting, in that so many students were left uninformed. However, the two-thirds majority to needed override the proposal and push the vote back three weeks was not met. Instead, Senate will host a student forum today. At the same time, the vote on WebStar will run until Tuesday evening.

One thing Senate will find out is that, just because the fee is supported by Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council, the Greek groups do not necessarily represent the breadth of the Northwest Campus.

While an activity fee of some sort is needed, we would like to see a focus group separate from Student Senate to coordinate a fee and organize the events on campus.

There needs to be an activities board composed of students across campus, not just members of Student Senate. This group could be voted for on WebStar and it should be open to any student: part-time, full-time, on-campus, off-campus, non-traditional and international students.

Regardless of where you fit in this pool, we encourage each and every student to vote. In the past, vote turnout on any issue has been extremely low, but, just as is any other, this topic is too important not to vote.

Simply put, more information and time are needed before a vote that would require \$100 fee for full-time students and \$50 for part-time students over the course of one year.

While some may argue that students don't read campus-wide e-mails, it is incorrect to assume students do not check their University accounts. Another survey would have also been beneficial, regarding prices, entertainment and activities.

The only survey given to students was last trimester when former Student Regent Paul Klute conducted a general interest survey regarding an activity fee. That was a start; but it was not a survey on which to base a final decision.

Overall, the proposals that we would like to see simply cannot be accomplished in one week. However, if these changes are brought to Senate's attention, it could propel an activities fee that everyone is happy with. Because, needless to say, it does not yet appear that everyone is happy.

Demands of acceptance appear just as intolerant

I would like to respond to Riley Huskey's Jan. 29 editorial entitled, "I can live in my skin, can you live in yours?" In this writing he demands his readers to move from "tolerance" to "acceptance" of homosexual behavior. Does he mean that I must change my personal beliefs so one can do his/her homosexual acts with total acceptance?

The implication is that American culture should be free enough to allow homosexual acts, but absolutely not free to disagree with those acts.

I strongly disagree with homosexual behavior. Will Mr. Huskey tolerate and accept my constitutional right to disagree?

DENNIS AKINS
MARYVILLE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinionated faculty cause an uneven playing field

I notice with increasing disappointment that more and more Northwest professors feel it is necessary to express their opinions on this page. This is a troubling development for a number of reasons and measures should and can be taken by *The Northwest Missourian* to ensure that the full range of opinions will continue to be expressed. It is my recommendation that in the future when a University professor submits a letter, a disclaimer is put above his/her submission.

This should be done for a number of reasons. First, the opinion the professor is expressing is his/her own and does not represent the department he/she is in. Currently,

it confuses the reader to the extent that the professor is or seems to be writing on behalf of his/her fellow colleagues.

Next, because of the weight and importance of being in a position of authority, it is simple to imply intimidation by disclosing the department the professor is in. The disclaimer would modify this to some extent.

Finally, Northwest students should feel free to express their opinion without the fear of retribution. With the increasing level of discourse that appears in their letters, rather than denying the professors their First Amendment rights, by specifying

through a disclaimer before the letter, readers would know that the students at the University are not being subliminally threatened by expressing a counter opinion.

In no way would the disclaimer stymie the freedom of expression enjoyed by the newspaper's readers. On the contrary, it would level the playing field between the student and the professor. In the words of the likely 2004 Democratic presidential nominee, John Kerry, "Bring it on!"

HAWKEYE WILSON
1996 NORTHWEST ALUMNUS
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

Military service bears little relevance in presidential race

I want to congratulate John Kerry for pulling politics to a new low. I would also like to shake my head in disbelief that doing so just might be enough to win him the presidency.

By now, Bush's no-holds-barred, PR wrestling match with his AWOL status from the Air National Guard during the Vietnam War has piqued everyone's curiosity—especially the headhunters fighting over the next shot at the Oval Office. What's more, voters want an explanation as to what happened. As one Northwest student recently told me, "I want an explanation before I'll vote for him instead of Kerry."

I fail to see how Bush's AWOL status twenty years ago should determine whether or not he is fit to run the country. It certainly hasn't had an effect on how he has performed

be more concerned with.

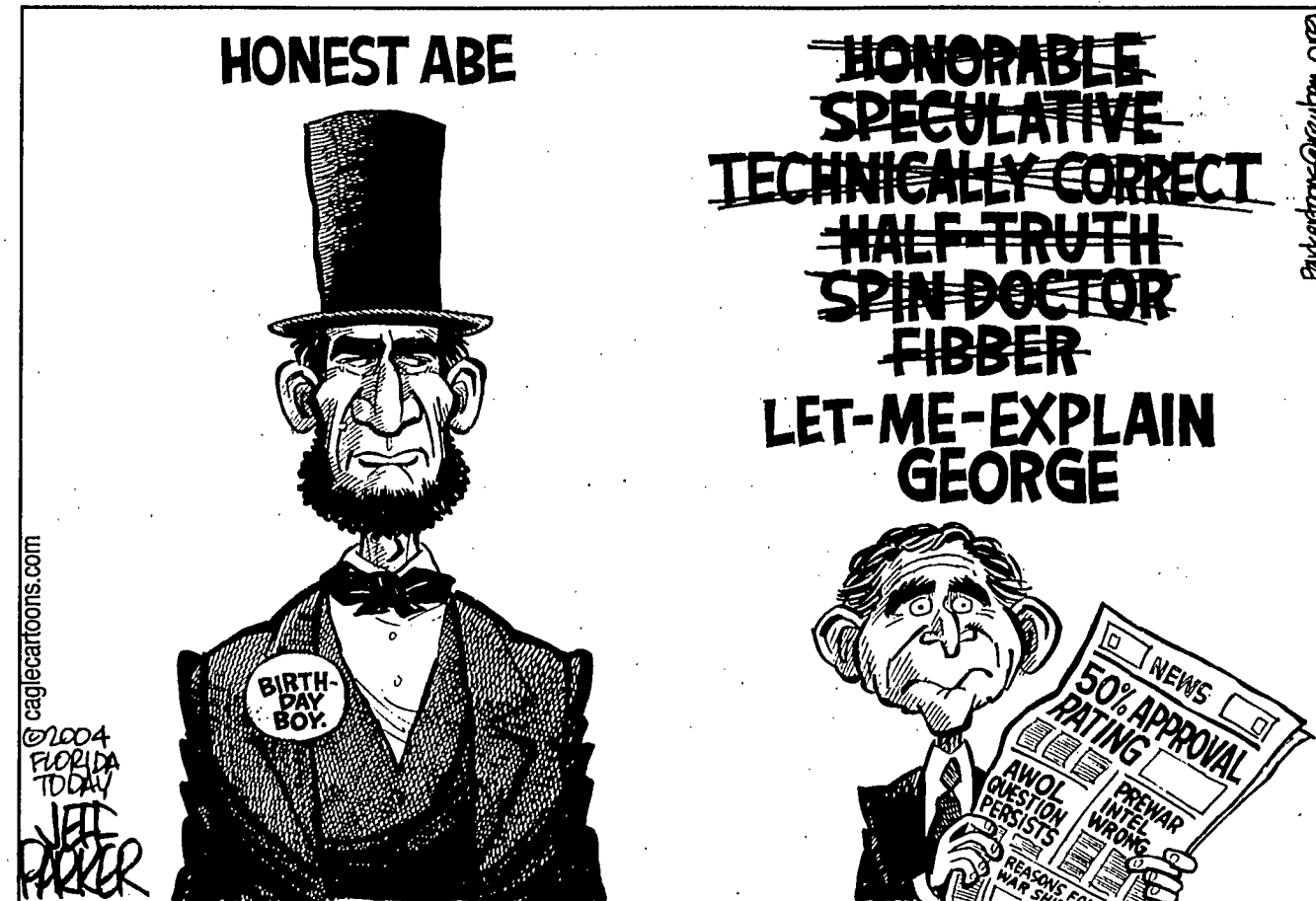
In addition, I would wager a guess that more people took the time to read up about Janet Jackson's breast popping out of her painfully tight outfit at the Super Bowl than how the candidates are doing. Actually, I could almost guarantee this, since the other half of the students I asked didn't even know the primary took place last Tuesday.

So why don't more people vote? Is it because they don't think their opinion makes a difference? Well, obviously someone's vote did,

status more 20 years ago seems a somewhat petty issue to focus on.

It is unfair to think that a new revelation of Bush's past makes him an unqualified leader now. If this was an issue of something Bush did after being elected that brings his character or leadership ability into question, I would agree with the skeptics out there. However, the issue is not what these two candidates were doing during Vietnam.

I do not entirely support Bush. He's failed to do numerous things that I've expected him to take the responsibility to do, and that disappoints me greatly. However, I've seen nothing to indicate that Kerry will do those things either. But the military records of the respective candidates will not be enough to sway me in either direction.



Political apathy, ignorance prove especially disappointing

"Are you voting in Tuesday's primary?"
"I don't know, who are the candidates?"
You have no idea how many times I heard this as I surveyed Northwest students on a quest to get information and quotes for last week's article on the Missouri primary.

Who are the candidates?
OK, I'll be the first to admit that I'm no political buff. I do not keep up as much as I should and I don't really care who gets the democratic nomination, as long as whoever it is beats Bush. I am, however, very much aware of the potential candidates' names.

It kills me how people can sit back and constantly berate the U.S. government, its laws, policies and decisions, but don't take the effort to find out even the name of who our future leader may be.

I sit back and ponder how much of a shame it is that nearly every American tunes in weekly to one reality television show or another, but cannot find the time to engage themselves in a news program long enough to find out where the candidates stand on issues that affect our lives. Now that's the reality television we should



My View

STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER



My View

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YOUR VIEW

What is the biggest problem the snow has caused you so far?



"The campus snow plows buried my car in the parking lot."

Mary Schafer
Broadcasting



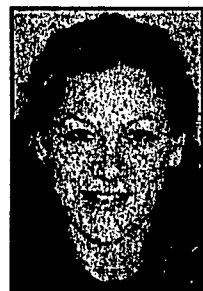
"The steps outside my apartment. Three of my friends have fallen down them when they came over. No one was injured, but their pride has been hurt."

Angela Jennings
Speech Communications/Psychology



"It hasn't been a problem at all. We've been having fun. We buried someone on the snow and when the R.A. walked by, he jumped in and scared him."

Jonathon McClain
Vocal Music Education



"I live close to campus and they've kept the sidewalks pretty clean. I haven't really had any problems."

Katie Sears
Unified Science Education



"I live close to campus and they've kept the sidewalks pretty clean. Ninth street is really bad."

Josh Royeton
Finance



"I fell on my ass in the middle of the sidewalk and plus, my car is still blocked in by snow in the parking lot."

Jill Webster
Pre-Med

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Activities fee sponsored by Senate pledges better acts for \$50 per trimester

Missouri State University's Student Activity Fee of \$144 per semester for full time students taking 12 credit hours. The lowest is Southwest Missouri State University's activities fee at \$15 per semester for full time students.

Students can vote on WebStar now until Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. for the fee. Student Senate will hold a forum today at 4 p.m. in the Student Union living room to inform students and answer their questions. Copies of the proposal are available to students at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building or in the Student Senate office and on its Web site.

If students approve the fee, the proposal will need approval by both the president's cabinet and the Board of Regents.

Dix said the fee is a flat rate that would be charged to students' accounts and students would not be able to opt out of the fee.

In a time where students are demanding more on-campus activities, Dix said a fee is the solution to students' requests.

"Yes, we bring in comedians and concerts, but they want more," Dix said. "And I think this is our chance to allow them to get more out of their entertainment package that they receive here at Northwest."

The fee would cover the costs for two concerts for mainstream artists, activities in the Student Union, outside events, movie events and comedy shows.

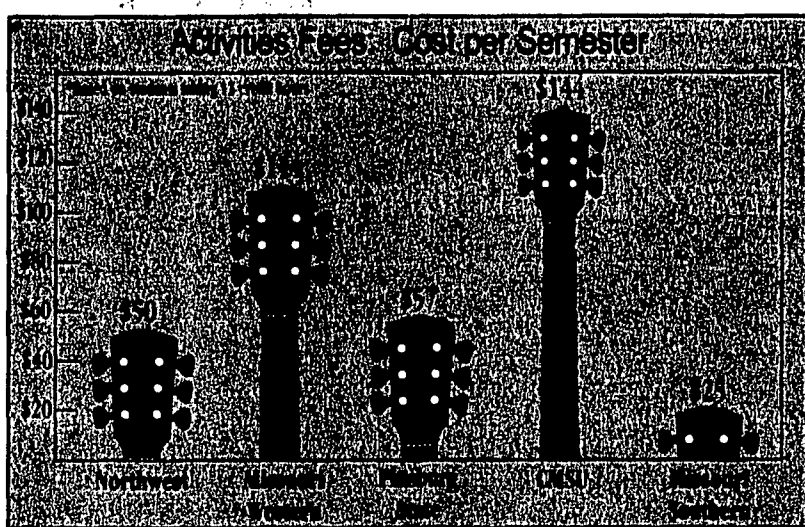
"The main point we really want to express to students is that every student has the opportunity to come to these events," Dix said. "And that's why we feel that it is fair and reasonable to have all students pay, regardless if you are an online student, a full-time, part-time and a undergraduate or graduate student."

Kent Porterfield, vice president for Student Affairs, said the fee would allow Northwest to compete against other campuses providing quality entertainment. Right now he said Northwest is the only university in Missouri that does not have a student activity fee.

However, many students believe the cost of the fee is unrealistic and unfair.

"I think \$100 is a little much," junior Megan Ramos said.

Junior Laura Covert said she would support the fee if it would bring better entertainment and a variety of



GRAPHIC BY PHIL REINKING/DESIGN EDITOR

things to campus that would cater to everyone's interests. But is hesitant to vote for the activities fee, because she thinks the activities should be proposed before the fee.

"I don't have a general idea of what kind of entertainment will be brought in," she said.

A number of students will agree that the activities fee needed to be more widely publicized.

"I feel that there is a cloud of haze surrounding this vote and I feel there is a lot of unanswered questions," junior Troy McDaniels said.

McDaniels said he suggests students to be pro-active in making their decision.

"Research all avenues of information that you need to make an intelligent and educated decision on this fee," McDaniels said.

But Dix said Student Senate distributed information on the activities fee to three major student governing bodies—Residential Hall Association, Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council. Student Senate asked students in those organizations as well as its own members to inform students across the University.

In order to fund different kinds of quality entertainment students have suggested, the University would need \$400,000. The money the Student Activities Fee would bring in would cover the cost. If the fee is implemented, the money allocated to the Campus Activities office would return to the University's general fund to be distributed to various other campus departments.

Right now, the University sets aside

only \$80,000 from its state appropriations for the Campus Activities' budget. This budget is separate from the Encore Performance Series budget.

Porterfield said the funding for campus activities has not changed in 10 years, but costs to pay for the entertainment have risen.

"The funding we had 10 years ago for campus activities was pretty competitive compared to other schools of our size in Missouri," Porterfield said. "But with the same amount of money given to campus activities now as costs have increased to bring in the name brand entertainment, the University can't compete."

With that money, Dix said the Campus Activities office makes its own schedule of entertainment for the year without much student input.

So Dix and a focus group met several times last fall to come up with a solution to fund students' requests for higher quality entertainment.

"We decided to approach the Student Activities Fee ideas because there have been a lot of complaints on campus from students, about how they are disappointed with the type of concerts we have had," Dix said. "They feel like there is nothing to do in Maryville."

After researching, surveys and comparing activity prices of Northwest's peer institutions, the Student Activities focus group formulated not only the cost, but how they could get students' feedback on activity packages.

Each trimester, Student Senate's Events Planning Committee would put together focus groups and surveys to gather student opinions. Afterwards, the committee would put to-

gether three packages of entertainment for students to vote online.

Porterfield said he advised Dix, who wrote the Student Activities proposal with former Student Regent Paul Klute.

"My advice to them in the development stages of the fee was to talk to as many students as possible," Porterfield said. "About what the fee is going toward and its particular set of needs."

If passed, the Student Activities Fee could generate enough money for programs and activities students feel are most important.

"If students think of the activity fee as spending a little more than \$10 a month for a full-time student, than it's not much," Porterfield said. "A vote yes will come down to whether students see a value to it, and a vote no will come down to if students don't want the extra fee."

Porterfield said if students vote no on the proposal, then Student Senate would have to determine if now was the right time to implement a fee.

The benefits of the Student Activities Fee, Dix said would outweigh its cost. These benefits include drawing more people to Maryville for the events, attracting prospective students and providing students with opportunities to market the events.

Porterfield said the University faces some challenges if students pass the fee. Some of these challenges include staffing the events, the size of venues and the technical equipment.

"We don't have a large enough venue right now to cover the big acts," Porterfield said. "It will take some planning and consideration for the best setting for the activity."

Porterfield said a portion of the activities fee would cover the costs to hire graduate and undergraduate students to assist in the programs and events.

The Student Activities Fee would also cover professional staffing and security, catering to entertainer, publicity, as well as miscellaneous fees.

Regardless of whether students support the Student Activities Fee, Dix said she urges everyone to vote.

"I think they should consider their options," said Bryan Becker, a member of the Student Activities Fee focus group. "If you realize the benefits of this, you'll get a lot of potential activities out of this."

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Hubbard will be renamed Chancellor, may receive 37 percent raise if merger passes

"I've promised Elson Floyd and the Board of Regents that I will stay another four to five years and not retire, period."

While the Memorandum of Understanding still has to go to the state legislature, the hypothetical scenario of Northwest merging with the UM system has been discussed.

"We've talked about (the chancellor salary) some," said Ray Courter, vice president of Finance. "It's one of the many topics involved with the merger. (The Cabinet) didn't resolve anything. We do understand the issue and the view from hiring the chancellor."

The Northwest Foundation is a separate identity from the University and may become a key player

in the donations for salary increases. However, Lance Burchett, vice president for University advancement, said he has not heard anything from the UM system.

"We've had no conversation of that," Burchett said. "(An article in *The Kansas City Star*) was the first time I heard about the salaries."

Overall, Hubbard said base salaries for chancellors and faculty are not the major concerns.

"People make decisions about careers, and salaries aren't the drivers, and they aren't the driver for people in education," Hubbard said. "I'm relaxed at the end of the day, and (talk about salaries) will never come up."

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Notebook computers to be next addition

The decrease in maintenance cost is offset by doubling the number of machines in use.

The biggest cost of the new system will be equipping all equipment with wireless capabilities. Rickman says wireless use will be available in "hot spots." These hot spots are certain floors or rooms where wireless Internet will work. Wireless access in every room is unnecessary because wire connections are faster.

"Wireless is nice, in that it lets you move around, but it's not as nice because it's slower," Rickman said. "It is approximately one-fif-

tieth of the hard-wired connections."

As a result of the notebook computer use, residence hall charges will increase by \$45 per trimester. There will be \$1 per credit hour added to the technology fee to pay for the wireless infrastructure.

Timing and cost have come together in seemingly reasonable agreement. Notebooks with wireless Internet access are the next step for the electronic campus.

"It is time for a machine per person, at least in the (residence) halls," Miller said.

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Northwest a step closer to merging with the UM system after MOU approval

continuously builds upon its current strengths.

"Northwest will benefit from the application of the algorithm imbedded in the benchmark model that takes into account program mix, student profile and efficiency levels for upper and lower division courses," Hubbard said.

Regent Rita Hanks said the merger is the next logical step for the Northwest campus.

"The location of this campus is not going to change nor will its values," Hanks said. "We need to trust (the UM system) to follow on with the Northwest tradition."

The merger will change Northwest from a Masters I to a Carnegie Doctoral/Research Institution, the highest level of institutional ranking for colleges and universities. This gives Northwest the opportunity to offer doctoral programs.

"This will give an advantage to our faculty when applying for national and international grants and fellowships," Provost Taylor Barnes said. "It will also advantage our students when seeking employment outside our region."

There are four definite doctoral programs that will take effect as a result of the merger, quality, fuel science, GIS and recreation.

"However, we will continue our strong student focus and emphasis on quality teaching," Barnes said.

The Board of Curators approved the Memorandum of Understanding unanimously on Jan. 29.

The Regents and UM system Board of Curators will have a joint meeting Friday at 1 p.m. to sign the memorandum and forward it to the Missouri General Assembly for approval.

"It will be a historic day, this Friday," Barnes said. "I am excited about it and the opportunities the merger will bring to faculty, staff and students."

Aside the merger, the board approved Courter's recommendation for

a 9.9 percent increase in tuition for the fall 2004 trimester. This would increase in-state tuition from \$150.50 to \$165.50 per credit hour and out-of-state tuition from \$267.50 to \$294. Based on the recommended appropriation of the governor, "tuition will increase with all trends that are in place."

If the appropriations change during the legislative discussions, the Board of Regents will reconsider the increase.

Courter said it is important to demonstrate to students and parents that tuition increase is not a result of the merger.

Here comes the bride



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Jayden Tenschler wears a flower girl dress while Sarah Williams models a wedding gown at the Sigma Society Bridal Show. The show attracted potential brides from throughout Northwest Missouri.

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Sexual Values Revealed

A survey conducted by *The Northwest Missourian* uncovers the moral standards of students.

By BETSY LEE
FEATURES EDITOR

Like twisted and tangled sheets after a late-night tryst, the collective mind of Northwest students wavers between the innocence of virginity and the torrid escapades of one-night stands.

A survey of 142 students conducted by *The Northwest Missourian* reveals that when it comes to sex, the lines of morality are sharply divided. Among Northwest students, 34 percent of women and 19 percent of men say they are virgins, while 40 percent of students surveyed said they lost their virginity



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A Northwest Missourian survey reveals that most young couples are not waiting until marriage to have sex. More than 81 percent of men and 66 percent of women report having sex before the age of 23.

52% of men report having a one-night stand.

"I think that's generally how guys view it," she said. "It seems like it's okay for guys to sleep around, but apparently not girls."

Women also seem to be more hesitant when it comes to heading home with someone from the bar. Almost 73 percent of men think it is appropriate to go home from the bar, but not have sex with someone who is not a significant other. Only 45 percent of women agreed.

Female virgins, however, seem to be more likely to go home with someone from the bar. Over 56 percent of female virgins said it is appropriate to go home from the bar, but not have sex with someone who is not a significant other.

Of female virgins, 70% say they are waiting for the right person.

between 15 and 17 years of age.

While freshman Heather Searls was surprised by the sharp division, she was encouraged by the number of women and men waiting to have sex.

"It's really nice to see that some people are still waiting around," Searls said.

Junior Nathan Rivera said he expected more people to be waiting to have sex.

"Values aren't the same as they used to be," Rivera said. "Staying a virgin isn't one of students' top priorities anymore."

Of those who do wait, 70 percent of women say they are simply waiting for the right person, while 45 percent cite religious reasons.

"That really shows that a lot of women here are really strong, independent individuals," Searls said. "You would expect that they would be waiting for religious reasons."

On the other side of the coin, 45 percent of male virgins say they are waiting for the right person. Even more men say they are waiting for religious reasons.

The dichotomy between those who wait and those

who choose to have sex widens when it comes to one-night stands. Fifty-two percent of men said they have had a one-night stand while 26 percent of women reported the same.

"I'd actually expect more guys to say that they have had a one-night stand," Rivera said. "Most guys I know don't really put an emphasis on relationships, while women seem to."

The division between men and women becomes more evident when students were asked how many sexual partners a potential date could have before they would become uncomfortable. Almost 50 percent of

Most students surveyed said they lost their virginity between the ages of 15 and 17.

women said they would be comfortable with seven to 10 partners or more than 10 partners.

Men, however, had much higher expectations of their potential dates. Nearly 50 percent of men said they would only feel comfortable if their potential date had

one to three past partners.

"That's a good example of the double standard that exists today," Searls said. "Women might feel that they have to be with a guy who has been with a lot of people, because that's what is accepted."

Sophomore Jamie McDermott said the double standard is simply not fair.

Jenny Schell, a recent graduate, said she finds that statistic only mildly surprising.

"Throughout college you hear so much about it, that it leads to acceptance," she said.

Acceptance seems to be a trend when it comes to sex. Survey results revealed that the sooner someone loses their virginity, the more likely they are to have had a one-night stand. Of females who lost their virginity between ages 15 and 17, 50 percent have had a one-night stand. Of females who lost their virginity between ages 18 and 20, only 30 percent have had a one-night stand.

Male respondents reveal a similar correlation. Seventy percent of men who lost their virginity between ages 15 and 17 have had a one-night stand, while only 33 percent who lost their virginity between ages 18 and 20 say the same.

A comparison to national statistics reveals Northwest to be on par with other universities. According to the National College Risk Behavior Survey, 84 percent of college men and 88 percent of college women report having had sexual intercourse.

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IN THE HUNT

Despite last week's losses, both the men and women's basketball teams remain within striking distance of the MIAA title.

The men (11-2) in conference are in second place behind Washburn who has just one conference loss.

Northwest's women's squad has the same record and is tied with Emporia State for the lead.

The losses dropped the men to No. 7 in the nation, while the women remained No. 19 in the nation.

REGIONAL RANKINGS

The latest regional rankings were released Wednesday and both squads are in the No. 3 spot in their respective divisions.

Washburn leads the men's regional rankings while Emporia State leads the women's division.

Emporia State is in the No. 4 position in the men's rankings while Pittsburg State occupies the No. 9 spot.

Washburn is No. 6 in the women's rankings and Missouri Western is No. 8.

THIS WEEKEND

Pittsburg State
at
Northwest

Where: Bearcat Arena

When: 7:30 p.m. following the Northwest women's game

Last time: Northwest jumped out to an early lead but it took overtime for them to overcome the Gorillas. Kelvin Parker led the 'Cats with 31 points. Wes Thornton tossed in 19 for Pittsburg.



Parker

Why does it matter? Playing Pittsburg State is never an easy task even at home. Northwest needs all the wins they can get to try and stay close to Washburn.

Pittsburg State
at
Northwest Women

Where: Bearcat Arena

When: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

Last time: Northwest was forced to come from behind to beat Pittsburg when the two teams played at John Lance Arena. Ashely Poptanycz, Jane Chalmers and Laura Friederich all scored in double figures for Northwest. Kami Scrivner put in 18 points for the Gorillas.



Friederich

Why does it matter? Northwest struggled last time the two teams played. Much like the men, they have absolutely no room for error if they want to have even a piece of the MIAA title. Blowing the game to the Gorillas is out of the question for Northwest.

SPOOFHOUND SUMMARIES

THIS WEEK

Maryville Boys 58 vs. Chillicothe 63
- Syd Brisbane paced the 'Hounds with 22 points.

Maryville Girls 40 vs. Chillicothe 38
- Cindy Austin led with 13 points

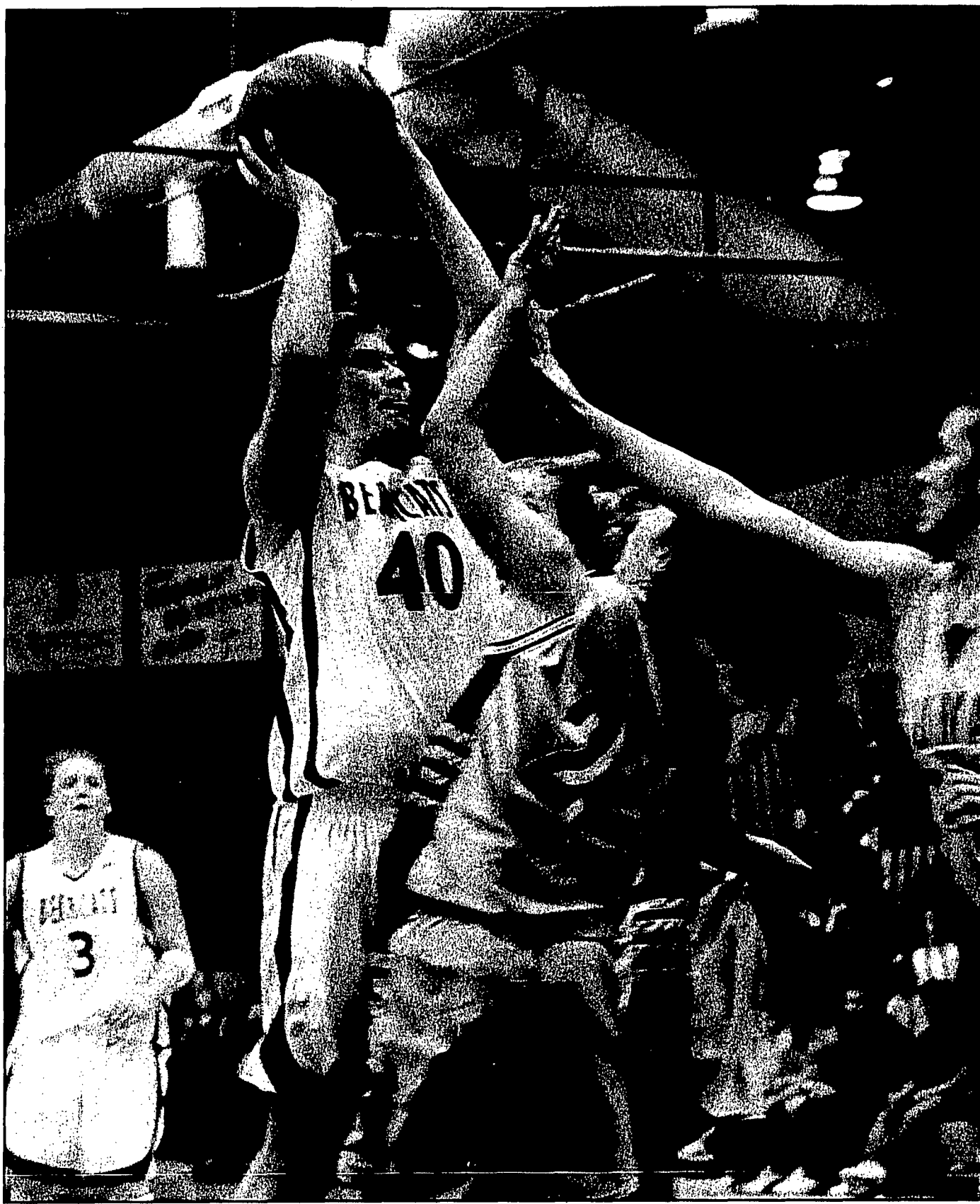


PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ SENIOR REPORTER

Sarah Vollertsen goes up for a shot Wednesday night against Truman State University. Vollertsen finished the game with 14 points and a team high seven rebounds. Northwest rolled to a 89-61 win over the Bulldogs. The Bearcats take on Pittsburg State University Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Chalmers drops 18 in Bearcat blowout

Friederich chips in 17, Australian is one assist away from double-double

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

If Northwest felt any effects of Saturday night's loss to Emporia State, they sure didn't show on Wednesday.

The Bearcats, led by senior point guard Jane Chalmers,

rolled over the Truman State Bulldogs 89-61.

Chalmers led the 'Cats with 18 points in addition to dishing out nine assists. The Australia native would have had a double-double, had senior center Sarah Vollertsen not been fouled on a layup with 5:52 remaining.

Chalmers saw the floor more Wednesday night with backup point guard Megan Blay on the bench nursing shin splints.

"(Assistant coach Lori

Henderson) told me to go out and give it everything I had with Megan on the bench injured," Chalmers said.

And she gave it all she had, hitting a three-pointer with 12 minutes to go in the first half, and extending Northwest's lead to 14-8.

"She really took the offense on her shoulders when they were struggling," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "Her dribble penetration helped create a lot of offense."

The offensive boost was

something the Bearcats needed after their 96-75 loss on Saturday.

The 'Cats never trailed against Truman State. Though the Bulldogs were able to close the gap to four points midway through the first half, Northwest went in to halftime with a 40-30 lead.

Northwest pulled away from Truman, thanks to seven straight points from sophomore guard Laura Friederich, who finished the half with 10 points. (Please see 'Chalmers' page 2B)



PHOTO BY COLE YOUNG/ SPORTS EDITOR
Kelvin Parker looks to make a move against Truman State Wednesday.

Wilson sits out with injured hamstring

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

No Sky Wilson, no problem.

With the junior guard

forced to miss his second game this season, the 'Cats rolled past Truman State University 73-52 while Wilson watched in street clothes.

Last Wednesday without Wilson, the 'Cats eked by Central Missouri State University and Saturday, with a still injured Wilson seeing limited action, the 'Cats lost to Emporia

State University by 17.

Last night five Bearcats scored in double figures in the win over the Bulldogs. And not one of those five was do-everything senior guard Kelvin Parker.

For the first time this season, Parker finished short of double figures, tallying only eight points. But he found other ways

Pepperdine honors Northwest alumnus

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A legendary Northwest athlete will be remembered this Saturday in Malibu, Calif.

Northwest alum Robert "Duck" Dowell, 91, died just weeks after he was told Pepperdine University would name their basketball court after him. He died on Thanksgiving Day of natural causes.

Pepperdine will name the court at Firestone Fieldhouse Duck Dowell Court at halftime. Friends of Dowell said he would have been humble about it like he was about most things.

"He wouldn't have expected it, but he would have greatly appreciated it," longtime friend and form co-worker Walter Glass said.

"Duck," as he was known by everyone, was born in Gilman City, Mo. Friends remember him as a very humble person and someone easy to get along with. "I thought he was a very fine gentleman, a Christian man," Glass said.

Ken Dowell, his brother who also graduated from Northwest

(1942) said he was easy to get along with.

"He was very easy to visit with," Ken Dowell said. "He was a very humble person and very giving to his players."

He graduated from what was then Maryville State College in 1932. He was an All-American in basketball under the guidance of legendary coach Henry Iba. He also received All-Missouri Valley football team honors. In 1991 Northwest inducted him into the M-Club Hall of Fame.

He started coaching at a high school in New Mexico in 1938, leading the basketball, football, baseball and track teams. He snapped his Achilles tendon in 1945 after coaching and playing for the "Flying Kellys" of Kirtland Air Field in Albuquerque, N.M.

In 1948 Dowell was selected to coach basketball at Pepperdine, where he stayed for 20 years. He was the athletic director for 13 years (1955-1968). During that time, Glass was the head of the physical education department.

"He fit (Please see 'Alum' page 2B)

Grapplers earn title, full squad to sectionals

Spoofhounds qualify every member of team for sectional competition

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhound wrestling team redeemed itself during the first round of postseason competition by qualifying the entire squad for sectionals.

"It's happened for us before," head coach Joe Drake said. "It's a unique and exciting thing that all your kids wrestle well enough to get onto the next level."

The regular season for the 'Hounds ended with a disappointing sixth-place finish in the Quad State Classic.

The 'Hounds, however, were out to prove that they are a team that should not be dealt with lightly.

"We were better prepared

not to have those kids wrestling this time, we made some adjustments and we talked about the situation," Drake said. "The bottom line is, we think our tournament that we hosted was probably a tougher tournament than our district tournament."

Heading into Saturday's matches, the 'Hounds had little knowledge of who would be wrestling in the post season after four players were suspended from the team.

"It became a difficult challenge, because we didn't know who would be eligible and who would not," Drake said. "For the entire week we talked about plan A, plan B and if need be, plan C."

Although the 'Hounds finished second in the Midland Empire Conference, they felt that they were underdogs to Maysville, a district opponent.

"Maysville has a very good team," Drake said. "We had seen them in a tournament earlier this year and we knew they had (Please see 'Hounds' page 3B)

Bearcats overcome slow start, roll over Bulldogs

to contribute. He finished with four rebounds, six assists and one steal without committing a turnover.

Head Coach Steve Tappmeyer was pleased to see other players step it up with Wilson out and Parker having an off-night.

"What happens so much, is that with (Sky) Wilson out,

teams try and key on Kelvin and take him out of the game," Tappmeyer said. "I thought Kelvin tried to create his own shot tonight, but a couple of times he forced some bad ones. Once he started getting us in our offense and created shots for other people, we really picked it up."

Junior (Please see 'Bearcats' page 2B)

Tracksters come away with strong finishes at Central, prepare for trip to Lincoln

Helms has good showing at Indoor Mule Relays, Samuel also does well

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men and women's track teams brought home only three first place finishes from the Central Missouri State Relays on Friday and Saturday, but saw many good performances from their athletes.

letes.

"It depends on how you look at it," men's coach Richard Alsop said. "We didn't place as high in some of the (events), but (in) actual performances, I thought we did pretty good."

On the men's side, junior Gabriel Helms took first in the 200-meter dash and second in the 60-meter dash. He finished with a time of 6.84 seconds in the 60-meter dash and lowered his national provisional qualifying

mark. Freshman E.J. Faulkner was right behind Helms in the 200-meter dash in third place with a time of 22.38. He also took seventh in the 60-meter dash and fifth in the 400-meter run.

Sophomore Eric Isley continued to perform well in the 800-meter run as he took first once again. Freshman Kyle Keraus was two seconds behind Isley with a third place finish. The 440-yard relay team finished third. Freshmen Tyler Martin and Drew Wilson both

competed well in their events, as Martin took fifth in the 600-yard run and Wilson placed fourth in the mile, only one second away from his personal best time. He finished with a time of 4:23.36.

In the field events, freshman Diezas Calbert took third in the triple jump. Senior Dan McKim took second in the weight throw and third in the shot put.

The meet was a non-scoring meet, but Alsop, who kept track on his (Please see 'Trackster' page 3B)

Top finishers at Indoor Mule Relays

Women
60m Alisha Samuel 3rd 7.79
200m Samuel 5th 26.03
800m Steph Sunkten 4th 2:19.08
5000m Ashley Grosse 3rd 19:24
Long Jump Gara Lacy 4th 17'1.25"
Men
60m Gabe Helms 2nd 6.83
200m Helms 1st 21.89
800m Eric Isley 1st 1:55.61
Triple Jump Diezas Calbert 3rd 45'5.25"
Weight Throw Dan McKim 2nd 56'3"



Indoor
Track
Squads head to
Great Wolf
Invite this
weekend

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Tracksters have good performance in Warrensburg, prepare for Prairie Wolf Invite

own, said the team would have placed second had it had been scored. Central Missouri State University, who won the conference in indoor track last year, would have been first.

"I think it opened eyes pretty well," Alsop said. "We have a good team. We'll have to be clicking on all the cylinders at the end of the month to give Central a run for its money."

For the women, senior Mary Wirt brought home the only first place finish for the Lady Bearcats. She finished first in the weight

throw with a throw of 50 feet, 11.5 inches. Junior Steph Suntken finished fourth in the 800-meter run. Sophomore Alisha Samuel took third in the 60-meter dash and fifth in the 200-meter dash. Senior Gara Lacy placed fourth in the long jump and seventh in the triple jump.

Women's coach Vicki Wooton was pleased with her middle dis-

tance runners, especially Suntken, who improved her time in the 800-meter run. She also praised the efforts of Gara Lacy in the long and triple jumps. Ashley Nally did not compete in the jumps due to a knee problem. The competition the team faced Friday will help them in the future, Wooton said.

"It's good for our sprinters to run against those people that maybe not necessarily are in our conference, but Alisha (Samuel) will meet up with (those teams) at nationals, hopefully," Wooton said.

The teams will run again Friday

at the Prairie Wolf Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

"It's a really big meet," Alsop said. "The competition will be really fierce."

Wooton said previous experiences on the track will help her team.

"I've heard a lot of comments that (the team) likes that track, that it is a fast track," Wooton said. "So when you go into a meet knowing that you've ran there before and you like it and that you did well before, that's always a plus."

Weekend marks season opener, Bearcats to start in Sooner state

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Although the snow remains on the ground, the Northwest baseball team will square off in their season opener over the weekend.

The Bearcats, who finished second in the MIAA and third in the region last year, travel to Tallequah, Okla. to take on Northeastern State University.

Head Coach Darin Loe said he plans on the pitching being ahead of the offense.

Our pitching is usually a little bit ahead of hitting at this point in the year," Loe said. "We hope to throw strikes and get ahead in the count and scratch out a few runs on offense."

The road trip will give a Bearcat roster chalk full of newcomers a chance to face off against live pitching, something they haven't seen since the conclusion of fall baseball.

Thanks to the cold and wet weather, Loe said it could be a while before the Bearcats head outdoors.

"We could honestly play our

first 13 games on the road and never step outside to practice," he said.

On Saturday the Bearcats square off against the Redmen in two seven-inning games. On Sunday the squads will meet up for a nine-inning game.

This weekend's matchup will give the Bearcats a chance to see how they will fill several gaps left by graduation.

Catcher Mike Ruff, third baseman John Sipes, shortstop Willie Ciaramitaro and left fielder John Bochoff all are gone to graduation.

"Our biggest loss is the four position guys," Loe said. "We are looking at Ryley Westman and Mike Babb, both very good catchers, who are going to have to come in and play right away."

During fall practices, the 'Cats appeared to be very deep at the middle infield positions but thanks to injuries, they will start the year very thin at shortstop.

Will Newland and Pat Whitt are both recovering from injuries and while Newland should be back in the lineup this season, Whitt will

not.

Whitt, a two-sport athlete, suffered a torn ACL with three days left in the football season, forcing him to miss baseball season in its entirety.

Because of the injuries, Cameron Dodd will bear the brunt of the action as the shortstop.

Another gap left from graduation is that of power-hitting third baseman John Sipes. Sipes, who led the Bearcats with 17 home runs, will likely be replaced with John White, a redshirt freshman.

In left field, Loe said he expects Andrew Donovan and Drew Metille to share time at the position.

Donovan fought the injury bug last season, while Metille led his conference in hitting while playing at Southwest Iowa Community College.

Going into this weekend's games, Loe feels they have a chance to be competitive if their pitching pans out.

"Hopefully pitching leads the way and we are able to score enough runs to win a few ballgames," Loe said.

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Northwest Alum gets basketball court named for his efforts

the niche quite well for Pepperdine, he was what they needed at that time," Glass said. "He went about developing (the team) quite well. He developed them into great people and strong individuals."

During his 20 years of coaching at Pepperdine, Dowell won four straight California College Athletic Association championships from 1950 to 1953. Pepperdine reached the NCAA tournament in 1961 and the team finished third behind UCLA and Oregon State in the Far West Regionals. He has been widely credited with improving the passing game in

college basketball. He had a perfect .500 record when he retired in 1968 (263-263). In 1980 he was inducted into Pepperdine's Hall of Fame.

During that time he had the pleasure of playing against such teams as UCLA, USC and Oregon State. He became a very close friend of legendary UCLA coach John Wooden.

Dowell will be honored Saturday at halftime against Santa Clara University. John Rettberg, one of his longtime friends and former player at Pepperdine (1955-1959), will say a few words. Rettberg shared portions of his prepared speech with *The Northwest Missourian*.

"Many of us were so very fortunate to have played for a man that was not only a great coach, but, in so many ways, was like a father to us. He conducted himself in a way that taught us much more than the game of basketball. His character, integrity, dedication to his job and his students, and his overall class touched so many of our lives."

Rettberg knows that although his friend is no longer alive, his reflections on the achievement before he died reflect his pride for Pepperdine.

"Well," Dowell said shortly before his death, "Not everybody gets a basketball court named after them, do they?"

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Chalmers paces Bearcats with 17 points on way to blowout

The second half was more of the same as the 'Cats used a 16-6 run to put the nails in the coffin.

Behind Chalmers' 18 points, Friederich tossed in 17. Vollertsen was the only other Bearcat in double figures with 14.

Vollertsen and junior forward Ashley Poptanycz finished the game with seven rebounds apiece.

One area Friederich said the team is going to have to work on for Saturday's game against Pittsburg State is rebounding.

Against Truman, the 'Cats were out rebounded 39-37.

Wednesday night's win put the Bearcats back into first place ranking because of Emporia State's 52-45 loss to Missouri Southern.

Even with the loss, Chalmers said the team has some mental work to do before they face Emporia again.

"We have to stop being intimidated by them," Chalmers said. "Sure, they are Emporia and sure they are No. 2 (in the nation), but we have to come out and stop being intimidated. We're Northwest, we have to do what we do."

Up next for the Bearcats is a matchup against Pittsburg State on Saturday. Tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m.

"Pittsburg is always a tough game, just like it was last time," Friederich said. "I'm glad we have it at home."

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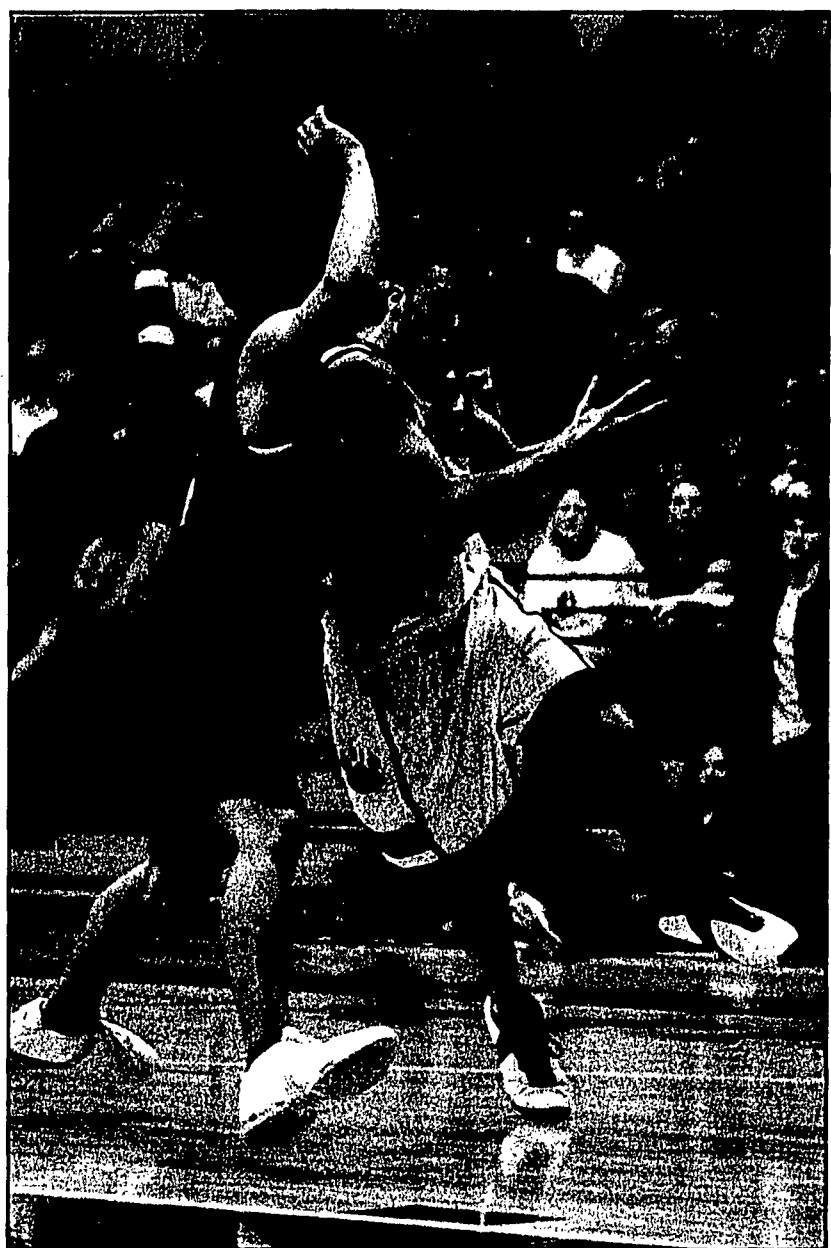


PHOTO BY COLEYOUNG/SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest's Travis Gardner drives to the basket Wednesday night against Truman State. Gardner started the game in place of point guard Sky Wilson, who injured his hamstring.

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Northwest has no problems with Truman

forward Byron Jackson led the 'Cats in scoring with 12 points and also pulled down eight rebounds. Eight was not enough for Jackson though, who thought he had a few more.

"Man, Jesse (Shaw) stole all my rebounds," Jackson said laughing. "I thought I had more than eight."

Shaw finished with six rebounds and 11 points for the 'Cats. Junior Travis Gardner and sophomore Austin Meyer also had 11 points, while redshirt freshman Victor James contributed 10 points of his own.

The game was almost a complete opposite of the last meeting between the two teams, where Northwest raced out to a 17-point lead, only to have Truman storm back in the second half, but fall short.

Wednesday, Northwest started slow, but went on a 32-8 run over the last 5:55 of the first half and first 8:38 of the second half, and never let up.

"You look at the scores (around the league) and their aren't many teams that put Truman State away," Tappmeyer said. "It just doesn't happen very often. When we got a 16, 18-point lead, I felt better because they're not a team that is great at coming from behind. But you worry about your team letting up and then they have five possessions in a row where they can score and it's a game again."

Northwest fell behind by as many as nine points, 23-14, early in the first half, but clawed their way back into the game with solid defense and stellar shooting.

"I wanted to come in and try and do something we were lacking in," Jackson said. "They were getting too many easy putbacks and I figured if I just went in there and rebounded, we could get it turned around."

After Jackson buried two jumpers in a row, Gardner put the 'Cats ahead for the first time, 28-27, and for good, with a shot that hit every part of the rim before it fell home.

Overall the 'Cats hit 49 percent of their shots and after committing a season-high 22 turnovers last Saturday, committed only eight Wednesday.

Game box score Northwest 73, Truman 52

Truman											
Player	min.	fg	ft	ft	rb	a	pf	tp			
Beran	29	5-13	4-4	5	4	2	14				
Agbo	20	2-6	0-0	3	0	1	4				
Sodemann	29	2-7	0-0	6	2	3	4				
Kirby	22	1-4	0-0	0	2	2	3				
Lindsey	6	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0				
Hatcher	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0				
Mueller	14	0-4	0-0	3	2	2	0				
Brock	17	3-4	0-0	0	1	1	9				
Calmes	18	1-3	1-2	1	1	0	3				
Hardy	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0				
Grimm	11	3-4	0-1	2	1	0	6				
Ogle	8	2-4	0-0	3	1	1	4				
Welker	20	2-2	0-0	2	1	1	5				
Northwest											
Player	min.	fg	ft	ft	rb	a	pf	tp			
James	21	5-7	0-0	5	0	2	10				
Meyer	24	5-8	0-0	3	1	1	11				
Principe	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0				
Parker	37	3-13	1-3	4	6	2	8				
Gardner	35	3-10	4-4	1	2	1	0				
Shaw	25	4-6	2-3	6	4	2	11				
Petersen	3	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	4				
Clarance	11	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0				
Morley	6	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0				
Weir	10	2-5	0-0	0	0	2	6				
Rold	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0				
Jackson	21	5-5	2-2	8	1	2	12				

Northwest Ford-Lincoln Mercury's

Spotlight Player

...sealed the
...win over
...Central Missouri
...State last
...Wednesday hitting
...two free throws
...with four seconds
...remaining.



ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACK

What is your favorite college mascot and why?



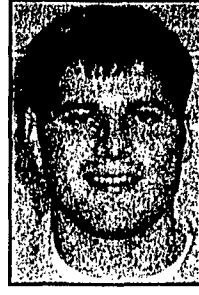
"The University of Alaska at Fairbanks Nanooks, because it's nobody else's favorite mascot."
KENTON MCDONALD
BROADCASTING



"Ohio State Buckeyes' 'Brutus' because my dad's name is also Brutus."
DAN JURADO
POLITICAL SCIENCE



"Avila Eagles from Kansas City. I like them because my sister goes to school there."
JAMIE SWAN
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION/
SPECIAL EDUCATION



"Wyoming Cowboys, because they're always riding to victory."
JEREMY SCHWITZ
PRE-ENGINEERING



"Missouri Tigers. They're from Missouri and I've always watched them."
KENNETH DAVIS JR.
ACCOUNTING

'Hounds blow lead again in double overtime loss to Hornets

By SCOTT HILL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

There never seems to be a dull moment when conference rivals Maryville Spoofhounds and Chillicothe Hornets get together. Monday night's double overtime thriller was no exception.

The 'Hounds pushed the Hornets to the limit, but in the end, Chillicothe pulled away with a 63-58 victory.

"I think the game came down to a handful of plays that had to be made," head coach Mike Kuwizky said. "You have to seize your opportunities, and we weren't able to do that."

Maryville was quick to jump out to an early lead, leading by as many as 11 points in the first half. Senior center Jacob Heflin led the 'Hounds in first half scoring with 13 points. Despite Heflin's stellar play, Chillicothe rallied to cut the lead down to 28-22 at halftime.

As the game moved along, it soon became evident that it would come down to the wire. With less than a minute remaining and Maryville trailing by one, junior Josh Wilmes made a big basket down low to push the 'Hounds ahead.

Just when it looked like the 'Hounds might escape with a win, Maryville fouled a Chillicothe player, sending him to the free-throw line with 4.3 seconds remaining. After making 1-of-2 from the charity stripe, Chillicothe tied the game at 46, sending it to overtime.

It was in overtime when foul trouble became a problem for Maryville. Three Spoofhounds fouled out in the two overtimes, stripping the team of some of their best players. Chillicothe took advantage of Maryville's foul troubles, making 20-of-31 from the free-throw line. Maryville wasn't as fortunate, shooting only 5-of-11 from the line.

"You would think that a team would have to play really good defense to hold us to only 11 free throws," Kuwizky said. "But in my opinion, the refs really blew some calls and it hurt us in the end."

Chillicothe began the first overtime by jumping out to a quick four-point lead. Maryville re-



PHOTO BY NIKI CORDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Hounds junior Syd Brisbane drives to the hole during practice. Brisbane scored 22 points in the 'Hounds' loss on Tuesday. The Spoofhounds play again Friday at Smithville.

sponded by hitting a couple of quick buckets to tie the score at 50. Chillicothe then went up by three points with 19 seconds remaining in the overtime period. The 'Hounds showed great character, refusing to give up when Wilmes connected from downtown to tie it up once again and force another overtime.

Chillicothe marched into the second overtime, building a five-point lead. Despite great effort from Spoofhound players they couldn't overcome the deficit and suffered a tough loss.

Syd Brisbane, Josh Wilmes and Jacob Heflin carried the 'Hounds, accounting for 54 of Maryville's

58 points. Brisbane was the game's leading scorer with 22 points. Both Heflin and Wilmes had 16 points apiece. The lack of bench production handicapped the 'Hounds, not allowing them to count on anyone else when the big three got into foul trouble.

With the loss, the 'Hounds fall to 16-4 overall and 2-1 in conference play. They took on the Smithville Warriors Wednesday night and will travel to St. Joseph Friday to play the Benton Cardinals in an important conference game. Tipoff is scheduled for 8 p.m.

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Morley, Badgers look for guard play

By BETSY GOLOMSKI
THE DAILY CARDINAL (U. WISCONSIN)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. - Oh where, oh where, has the Wisconsin Badgers' backcourt gone? Did it leave with Boo Wade's arrest last Wednesday, or is this just a bump in the road?

Lately, junior guard Devin Harris seems to be the only spark in the backcourt with his offensive leadership. Wade's absence from the starting lineup not only put UW out one starting guard but also seems to have put the rest of the guards, minus Harris, out of their game.

During Wisconsin's matchup against Big Ten cellar-dweller Minnesota last week, Harris gave the fans what they paid for with his career-high 38 points. Though Wade's arrest was announced before the game, the Badgers were excited to regain a questionably healthy senior guard, Freddie Owens. Owens ended the night with six points off 2-for-9 shooting.

Even if Owens was still in the recovery stage, the Badgers had other guards to rely on. Or did they? Each guard that suited up played, but between the 27 minutes that junior Clayton Hanson contrib-

uted, two from senior Ike Ukawuba and one from freshman Kammon Taylor, the reserve guards went 0-for-5 and got their only point from Hanson's one made free throw. Thankfully for Wisconsin, Harris had no trouble finding the basket that night.

With the weekend came a trip down to Northwestern to hopefully knock off another team at the bottom of the Big Ten. This time things did not work out the way Wisconsin hoped, and the backcourt went from dismal to dead in the 69-51 defeat. Harris once again led the way with six assists and 16 points, but he shot 4-of-18 from the field to get his points. Unfortunately for Harris and the Badgers, there was not much help from the other guards. Owens contributed 20 minutes but did not score. Hanson gave his 24 minutes and two points while Ukawuba saw five minutes in the first half but was unable to connect on his oneshot.

The guards are aware that much of the load has been placed on Harris lately, but know they need to give as much help as they can.

"So far Devin has done a great job," Hanson said. "With the Northwestern game I think we needed to help him out

a little bit more. Offensively, a lot of it was on his shoulders. So just the perimeter guys coming in need to give him a little boost so he has another option out there."

Wade, who was reinstated to the team Monday, has obviously been missed in the backcourt. Besides being an extra guard who could take the load off Harris, dish to the open man and score when needed, his defense has been sorely missed.

"We miss his defense," Ukawuba said. "He has those long arms that can disturb somebody, so we definitely miss that and his athletic ability."

Every team has its star and this season has clearly picked out Harris as the one that shines the brightest for the Badgers. With the backcourt in a slump, this has given some big men the opportunity to step up and help Harris. Junior forward Mike Wilkinson has complemented Harris well this year on the inside, and since Wade's absence, he has respectively contributed 15 and eight points against Minnesota and Northwestern, respectively. Also, junior forward Zach Morley has had even more opportunity to shine since entering the starting lineup. He also added 14 and 15 points in the two games last week.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Squad earns victory over rivals

The Maryville girls basketball team came out on top with a 40-38 win against Chillicothe Tuesday night.

At halftime, the Spoofhounds were down 18-10.

In the second half the 'Hounds came out with some bite to their bark, scoring 30 points.

"That's the way we should be playing all the time," head coach Randy Cook said. Senior Cindy Austin lead the Spoofhounds offense, scoring 13 points.

Hilary Reynolds and Ann Hagen each finished with six points apiece, but Reynolds' six points came when the 'Hounds needed them most.

"Reynolds hit a huge three to put us up by one," Cook said. "After that, we controlled it from there."

-Jared Littlejohn

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'Hounds come home with district title

some quality individuals on their team."

Returning starters from last year's squad helped the team post critical points that led the 'Hounds to victory.

"We knew before the tournament started that Maysville was going to put so many kids in the finals," Drake said. "Once we determined that, we knew as a team, that we would have to score pins to get us some extra points in the tournament."

With the 'Hounds big win at districts, some spectators may worry that the team will become arrogant and lose their poise, but Drake says not to worry.

"I don't think (becoming overconfident) was a problem for any of our kids," Drake said. "We did not win

the lead until the next to last round, so at no time were we sitting back and feeling overconfident."

Sectionals are next in line for the team and they plan to practice as usual and take competitions one by one.

"We just hope we can maintain the intensity going into Saturday," Drake said. "The competition is going to be tougher because now we have the best kids from two tournaments meeting so the wrestling will be more intense."

All the 'Hounds will be back in action in Cameron on Saturday during sectionals.

The top four wrestlers from each weight class will then advance to the state championship in Columbia, Mo., Feb. 18-20.

FAN PLAN

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Pittsburg State 7:30 p.m.			Washburn 7:30 p.m.
Northwest women's basketball			Pittsburg State 5:30 p.m.			Washburn 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track			Prarie Wolf Invitational Lincoln, Neb.			
Maryville boys' basketball		Benton 8 p.m.				St. Plus 7 p.m.
Maryville girls' basketball	Benton 7:30 p.m.					
Maryville wrestling			Sectionals (Cameron) TBA			

■ GAME TO WATCH: Northwest basketball teams look to overcome tough losses to Emporia. Both games should be tough, but Washburn will probably give the teams more trouble. ■ Home games

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It has recently become apparent that the world may be witnessing the evolution of its most common and basic sociopolitical unit, the nation-state. Soon after the end of Dubya-Dubya-Two, in order to prevent such magnitudes of death and destruction from ever happening again, Europe developed a plan for continental integration and solidarity. In the face of two growing superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union, Europe hoped to create a family of cooperating nations that could work together to promote universal prosperity. While the current member count of the European Union is 15 countries, 2004 will mark the largest member recruitment ever with 10 new countries. Consolidation has been mostly economic, such as the advent of the Eurodollar, but recent events have indicated that integration has begun to lean in political directions.

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time to breathe new life into Manifest Destiny and show this continent who's boss.

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The plan is simple. Alpha Company will penetrate the Canadian Shield, cutting the nation off from its likely allies in Newfoundland. It will then sweep around to meet Bravo and Charlie Companies; (along with a small detachment of neo-Finians), in a huge double-pin-

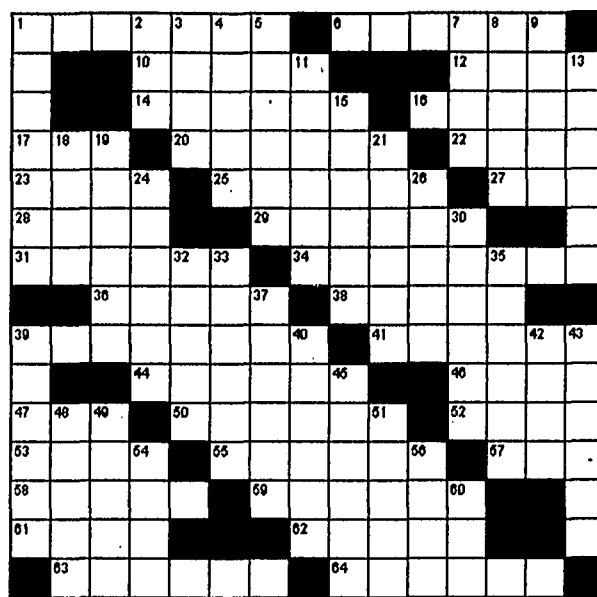
cer, hammer and anvil movement. Those backwoods skids will soon fall victim to our lack of mercy! Never mind the surprisingly small size of our units, even Thomas Jefferson once suggested that invading Canada would be "merely a matter of marching." Major military targets will include the neutralization of Winnipeg, which is the hub of the country's transcontinental railroad, the occupation of all major ports in the Montreal/Quebec area and blockade of the Great Lakes.

I have reason to believe that Canada has been fabricating its census statistics in order to inflate its actually minuscule population. Canada's outrageous claim of a population of 30 million people has, unfortunately for them, been more accurately calculated at 3 million. Other devious tricks to hide their ridiculously small citizenry include erecting inflatable skylines to suggest urban growth and a national policy to discourage carpooling.

While this initiative may sound a bit on the radical side, a closer look at the implications of this campaign and the myriad resources that will be gained will help to numb your conscience. Amnesty International: shut your mouth.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across
1. Semidry (wine)
6. Pertaining to the races
10. Sea mammals
12. Cartel
14. Gourd-shaped rattle
16. Leg bone
17. Toward the stern
20. Rebroadcasts
22. Darn
23. Trading center
25. Circuitous way
27. Adult males
28. Greek god of love
29. European

flatfish
31. Refuse to accept
34. Insane woman
36. Central Massachusetts city
38. New Hampshire city
39. Ate
41. Cheerful
44. Acted as master of ceremonies
46. Lower jaw
47. Punch
50. Hocker
52. Not hard
53. Roman poet
55. To fit with clothing

57. Decease
58. W Massachusetts town
59. Yolk of an egg
61. Energy units
62. Soft
63. Decorous
64. Priest

Down
1. Unrealistic person
2. Belief
3. Scorch
4. Having ears
5. Dry red table wine
7. In the same place
8. Anthology of artwork
9. French river
11. Roman

shield
13. Gun
15. Parka
18. Payment for travel
19. Inhabitant of Troy
21. Subdebutante
24. African fly
26. Spur
30. Keynotes
32. Patsy
33. Male cat
35. Technique
37. Extra time
39. Coax
40. Refused
42. High fidelity
43. Goes in
45. Lump or blob
48. States
49. Spree
51. Missouri city
54. Prescribed amount
56. Fabulous birds
60. Rainy peace
54. Partly open
55. Heavy book
58. Manager

on the edge

Facts about sex:

■ One-fourth of the people who lose their sense of smell also lose their desire for sexual relations.

■ Research has shown that sex, angry outbursts and strenuous tennis are among the triggers identified as responsible for 17 percent of all heart attacks.

■ The heart beats faster during a brisk walk or heated argument than during sexual intercourse.

■ Most teenage boys think about sex once every 5 minutes.

■ Cold showers actually increase sexual arousal.

■ Other than sleeping, men and women differ on what is their favorite thing to do in bed. Of the men polled, the top response was to have sex at 50 percent; for women, only 20 percent responded the same. Women would prefer to read (23 percent), whereas men put books at just 11 percent.

See answers below

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The Hurricane

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Des Moines

Feb. 14 Larry Garner
Blues on Grand

Feb. 18 Eric Sardinas
Blues on Grand

Feb. 21 Sting
Civic Center

Feb. 28 Renee Austin
Blues on Grand

Omaha

Feb. 13 Anything But Joey
Sokol Underground

Feb. 13 Upside
Sokol Underground

Feb. 20 Jordan Knight
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Feb. 26 Dada
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Feb. 28 Jeff Foxworthy
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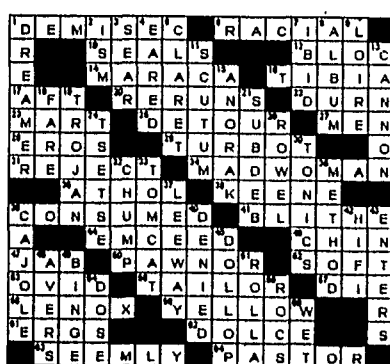
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Cupid takes aim

The Northwest Missourian takes a closer look at unique couples, customs and ways to make Feb. 14 extra special for you and your sweetheart.

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has withstood
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of the Bridal Fair
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A Northwest couple tells
their story of love
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Everlasting love

Couple's marriage spans seven decades

Resident lovers remember their first Feb. 14 together more than 60 years ago.

By JESSICA SWARTZ
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Love is still very much alive and kicking, as is the sense of humor in the lives of one Maryville couple.

It will be 66 years this March since Don and Dorlea Howard tied the knot in her parents' living room.

The couple was married in Shenandoah, Iowa, under an arch made by Dorlea's father and decorated in blue flowers by her mother. Dorlea wore a blue velvet dress as she recited her vows and became Mrs. Dorlea Elizabeth Howard.

"Our immediate families were there," Dorlea said. "And the minister, of course."

As Valentine's Day draws near, they remember a previous unforgettable Feb. 14.

"We weren't married then," Don said. "I walked four miles over snow-covered roads to reach town and buy Dorlea a Valentine from the store."

To this day, Dorlea still owns that very first Valentine she received from her soon-to-be husband.

"It's crumbling, but I still have it," Dorlea said with a smile.

Since the time of first dates and first valentines, they've come a long way. Together, they weathered the Depression, raising four children, countless moves and all the issues a married couple faces.

"There were as many ups as there were downs," Dorlea said. "A few times, if I had had the money, I would have left him."

The importance of working issues out is something both Don and Dorlea feel is very important. They're quick to agree that married life isn't always easy. There were arguments and money was tight, especially during the first year of their marriage.

"It wasn't all roses," Don said. "The main thing was to keep together for the kids. They were our responsibility."

The importance of family is what prompted their move to Maryville 20 years ago. They had moved around several times to different cities in Iowa and Missouri.

"Our daughter lives here," Dorlea said. "She's set down roots here."

Their other three children live in different states, but the couple chose Missouri to be close to their families in Iowa.

Their hobbies include gardening and writing. The Howards also remain active in their church and at the



PHOTO BY LAURA CADY / CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

After 66 years of marriage, Don and Dorlea Howard's relationship has remained steadfast. "There are just as many ups as there are downs," Dorlea said. "You have to keep a strong faith and never stop loving each other."

Nodaway County Senior Center. Time spent with their constantly growing family also keeps the couple busy. At last count, they had 10 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Another memorable event in the couple's history is the day they decided to get married. The subject of Don's proposal brought chuckles from the couple.

"Whether he proposed or I did, we're not sure," Dorlea said laughing. "I guess we worked together on the proposal."

Don and Dorlea share wisdom gleaned from their nearly 70 years of marriage.

"Whether he proposed or I did, we're not sure. I guess we worked together on the proposal."

DORLEA HOWARD

Don't do it just for fun," Dorlea said. " REGARD it as a lifetime adventure."

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Society to host Victorian tea party

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville residents have the chance to partake in a time-honored Valentine's Day tradition.

On Feb. 14 the Nodaway County Historical Society will host the ninth annual Victorian Valentine's Day Tea with seating scheduled at noon and 4 p.m.

According to President Alice Hersh, this year the committee chose an "English cottage" theme, which will be displayed in the linens and table decor.

Guests experienced international delights for last year's, "Tea Around the World" theme. Similarly, dolls from various countries adorned the tables.

While the theme changes, the basic program remains the same.

"Though the presentation of the tea has been tweaked over

the years, we always serve a three-course English tea," Hersh said. "This includes finger sandwiches, a tiny cup of soup and a vast array of wonderful desserts, and of course, lots and lots of pots of hot tea."

The members of the museum and their friends bring in china, crystal and linens to produce beautiful tables for guests to feast and socialize. Hersh said it takes more than 1,000 pieces of china and crystal to set all the tables.

Soft background music will accompany the socializing and valet parking will be available.

A display by Museum Curator Tom Carneal's public history class will also be available to view.

"Guests will have the opportunity to see a pictorial

done by Northwest students portraying the first 100 years of the school," Hersh said.

Hersh estimated that all planning, combined with various tasks such as polishing silver, shining crystal and pressing linens, nearly 500 hours of labor were poured into the event.

All proceeds will fund museum projects.

"There's always an ever-present need for funding at the museum," Hersh said. "Everything is sought by donations."

The event is open to the entire area and Hersh said they had guests from as far as Kansas City.

Cost to attend the social is \$12.50 per person with seating available at the 4 p.m. session.

Those interested should contact Alice Hersh at 582-4107.

Florists ready for lovers' holiday

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

Maryville Florist and Greenhouse and Aunt Tawner's Floral are hurriedly preparing for their most profitable day of the year.

"Ten to 15 percent of our sales come from Valentine's Day," said Keitha Dougan, owner of Maryville Florist and Greenhouse. "In addition, my part-time staff works full-time and I also bring in 10-12 extra delivery drivers."

Tawnya Wilmes, owner of Aunt Tawner's Floral, said that sales usually increase by \$10,000 the week of Valentine's Day.

College students are Dougan's best customers, while conversely, Tawner said that, in general, women place more orders at her shop over the holiday.

Dougan said the holiday falling on a weekend helped to ease her workload.

"A lot of people are having deliveries on Friday this year," Dougan said. "That's better because it spreads it out for us."

A local sorority also assists Dougan through the season.

"For the past five or six years, Sigma Alpha has come in and usually delivers to most of the college," Dougan said. "We pay them per order, so it serves as a fund-raiser for them. It really helps us out."

Dougan begins preparing as early as Christmas for the following Valentine's Day, getting bows ready, extra balloon-string cut and stamping floral cards. She also orders flowers and additional supplies at this time.



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Keitha Dougan, owner of Maryville Florist and Greenhouse, arranges roses early Monday morning. "We order about 2-3,000 extra roses," she said. "The phone started ringing off the hook last Saturday."

Popular flowers for both businesses include lilies, daisies and carnations, but roses remain the best sellers. Roses account for nearly 75 percent of sales for both stores.

Maryville Florist and Greenhouse also started a "Most Creative Card Contest" this year.

"Last year we got so many cute cards that we thought we should have a contest," Dougan said. "The winner gets a dozen

roses."

Aunt Tawner's Floral is offering a dozen roses for \$55, while Maryville Florist and Greenery is offering them for \$60, but their arrangement comes with choice of balloon as well.

In-town delivery is free at both shops. Aunt Tawner's Floral is accepting orders until Saturday, while Maryville Florist and Greenhouse would prefer orders by Friday.

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Show prepares future brides for matrimony

By JESSICA EAGEN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest students and community members received a taste of wedding fever Sunday. Nearly 20 vendors and more than 100 guests attended Sigma Society's "Love is in the Air" bridal show at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. This gave attendees the opportunity to view presentations of food, pictures and floral arrangements by local vendors.

The purpose of the show was not only to showcase

merchandise, but also the potential of the region, according to Valerie Hoakison, bridal show co-chair.

Hoakison said those who plan weddings often don't realize some of the services offered by local vendors and, in turn, end up spending too much money. This is part of the reasoning behind the annual bridal show.

"Not only is this a good fund-raiser for Sigma Society, we are able to illustrate, in a fun way to the community, different options for their wedding plans," said Betsy Burgess, bridal show co-chair.

Sigma Society raises money to donate to local charities as needed throughout each year. The fund-raiser is a tradition that has lasted longer than any Sigma Society member can remember.

One of the vendors, Spectacular Settings, set the stage for the dress and tuxedo modeling.

"I loved the decor by Spectacular Settings and will definitely be keeping them in mind for my wedding," junior Sara Boulter said.

Many others attending the show found some favorites for floral arrangements, photography, food, dresses and tuxes.

"Getting to see all of the models gave me the opportunity to scope out new ideas for my wedding party," Junior Lindsey Hickman said.

Burgess also said that the crowd seemed pleased with the vendors. From cake sampling to punch tasting, visitors were able to get a feel for what the vendors were offering. Members of Sigma So-

ciety who modeled gowns were also more than pleased to strut their stuff.

"I felt like a princess in my gown," Sigma Society member, Terri Gerlach said. "It was specially imported from China, making me feel extra special."

Burgess said the day was a success, thanks to the efforts of Maryville Hy-Vee, Bridal Boutique, Precious Fairytales, A New Attitude Bride, Randall's Formal Wear, Field's Clothing Company, Maryville Florists, Beeing Creative and R&L Catering Services.



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Betsy Burgess, left, and her roommate's mother, Jo Peterson, look through a bridal dress catalog at the annual Sigma Society Bridal Show. Twenty-nine local vendors were present at the show.

Sexual responsibility issue confronted

By LACEY BAGLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Peer Education, Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA), the Counseling Center and the Health Center teamed up this week to promote sexual responsibility.

The national Peer Educator groups Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS) and GAMMA predetermined the week preceding Valentine's Day as Sexual Responsibility Week.

In this week's campaign, however, sex takes a backseat to important issues such as respecting the opposite sex and partners in relationships.

Virginia Murr, assistant director of the University Health Center, said the approach to sexual responsibility is different this year.

"We are going to start treating the problem, not just the symptoms," Murr said. "We need to look at the

whole issue, rather than just give out condoms."

Although Free Condom Thursday will continue, there will also be workshops for both men and women about how to maintain a variety of relationships.

The workshops are part of a three to five-year plan to promote sexual responsibility on the Northwest campus.

Logan Lightfoot, a graduate assistant working in Student Affairs, called the new plan proactive.

"It's not just about using condoms, but adopting a positive lifestyle," Lightfoot said.

The campaign slogan for Sexual Responsibility Week hinges on the question of "Who is responsible?" but the advertisements didn't clarify who or what should claim responsibility.

All questions were answered Tuesday when pictures of students, faculty and staff who have pledged to respect

themselves and others hung in Union along with the definitions of responsibility and respect.

Mike Mattock, a counselor at the Counseling Center, believed the pictures drew more attention than anything else in the campaign. He said people saw a picture of someone they knew, which made them want to know more about what the picture stood for.

Other events during the week included a forum called "Learn How to Spell the RESPECT Song." The forum used role-playing to teach participants how to maintain various relationships, and sexual stereotypes, as well as the truth about consensual sex.

Missouri Academy student Whitney DeGrange attended the forum to get credit for a speech class, but ended up participating in the role-playing and interacting with other forum participants. Before leaving, she said she would attend other Sexual Responsibility Week events.

"(The forum) made an impression on me," freshman Erin Spegal said. "There are a lot of aspects of respect in a relationship."

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Students prepare for homework, weddings

By JESSICA EAGEN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest students seem to have a knack for finding that special someone.

"Everywhere I turn, I see another ring," junior Jamie Roberts said.

Speaking of engagement rings, Roberts has her fair share of weddings to attend this summer, including one in which she is the maid-of-honor.

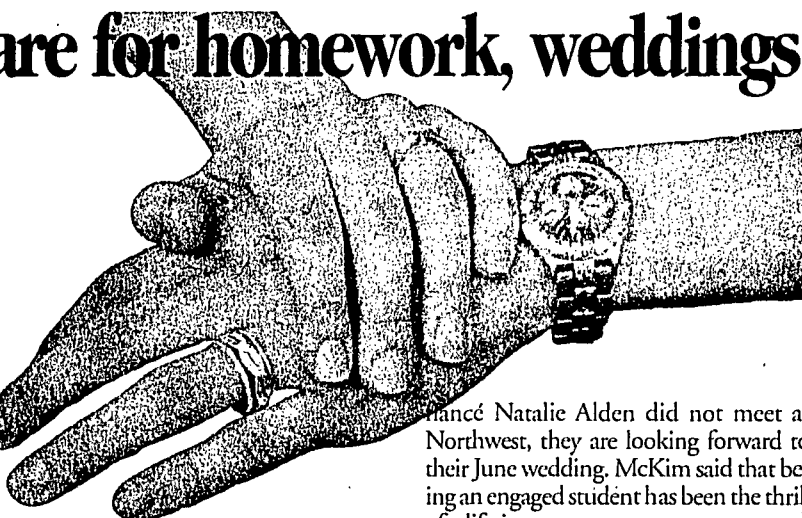
"It seems like every weekend this summer someone is tying the knot," she said.

Roberts is not alone in her assumption. In an age where young people are preparing to get married while still in college, a number of Northwest students are planning weddings as well as doing homework.

Kimberly Dimmitt and her fiancé, Joey Rosenfelder, are among them. Both graduate in May and are planning their September wedding.

Dimmitt said she met Rosenfelder upon transferring to Northwest as a junior. Living three doors away from her future fiancé, she eventually realized they were meant to be together. Through a few group meetings they grew closer and are still together today.

Dimmitt is not the only one to find love at Northwest. Sara Boulter and her fiancé, Tim Welch, met freshman year



during Advantage weekend in 2001.

Attending the hypnotist, Boulter took notice of Welch, one of the hypnotized students on stage. She soon realized they had class together every day. Within a few weeks they began talking to one another through a mutual friend.

Boulter then said that their growing friendship led them to where they are today.

Boulter is an early planner who is set to be married in July 2005. She and Welch spend a majority of their free time together. Although some singles in college act as though they miss their engaged or married friends, Boulter said the couple is still as busy with their friends as everyone else.

Although senior Dan McKim and his

fiancé Natalie Alden did not meet at Northwest, they are looking forward to their June wedding. McKim said that being an engaged student has been the thrill of a lifetime.

"I know that when I graduate, I will have someone who will share my new life with me," McKim said. "Natalie and I laugh together and have enjoyed an incredible journey. I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with her...making that journey into memories."

McKim said his future wife will aid in the transition from college life into the professional world.

"In a few months, I will no longer be surrounded by thousands of people my age, and it's a comfort to know that I'll have my best friend to always laugh with, care for, dream with and love," he said. "I don't worry about being lonely, because I know that she'll always be there for me through thick and thin."

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Valentine's Day is not a happy occasion for all

Valentine's Day is one of the most overrated holidays in history. I often wonder who created this ridiculous monstrosity that forces people to go into frenzy over chocolates and roses. The traditional cards labeled with "Be my valentine" are nauseating.

I wonder when someone will get some originality and pass out cards labeled, "I will never like you." At least then I would feel special about a card that was created for me, versus some major corporation telling me how special I am.

Why must I be suffocated with all the happiness and joy? Even people that usually don't acknowledge me on a normal day of the week feel obligated to give me candy and cards.

If I receive a "Be My Valentine" card from one more person, I may just throw it back in their face and scream.

No, I will not be your valentine!

No, I am not yours!

No, you are not mine!

Ok, I will admit that I used to be the same as the rest of you Valentine freaks, but I grew out of it. I got tired of pretending some loser would be the "love of my life" just to say I had a valentine.

My View



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Why waste money on someone you probably won't spend the rest of your life with anyway?

If you buy a piece of jewelry for someone one year and you break up the next, you're left paying for a piece of jewelry that you don't even own. Now, what kind of sense does this make?

I've decided to spend money on myself and be my own valentine. When I spend large amounts of money, it's only when it's an investment. I go shopping and buy clothes because I'm investing in how good I look.

Though on Valentine's Day I never wear my best clothes because I usually get sick from all the love in the air.

I usually make sure to bring a tall bottle of Pepto Bismol to work because there is always that one "special" girl who receives her wonderful bouquet of flowers. As I watch the deliveryman pass by me with the beautiful arrangement, I put on my best smile and pretend to be happy for my co-worker.

"Oh, they are so beautiful," I say. "He is so sweet!"

With my sarcastic grin, I turn around and vomit into the nearest trash can.

I just can't take it! Even when I had a boyfriend I had to stay away from him for most of the day, because I turn into a complete witch (with a B). I don't want to be with some imbecile who only tries to be romantic on one day.

That's why I am so bitter. People try to show love and be jolly on Valentine's Day, but could care less the rest of the year. How fake is that?

Who am I kidding, I guess what I'm really trying to say is Happy Valentine's Day, everyone. I will never like you.

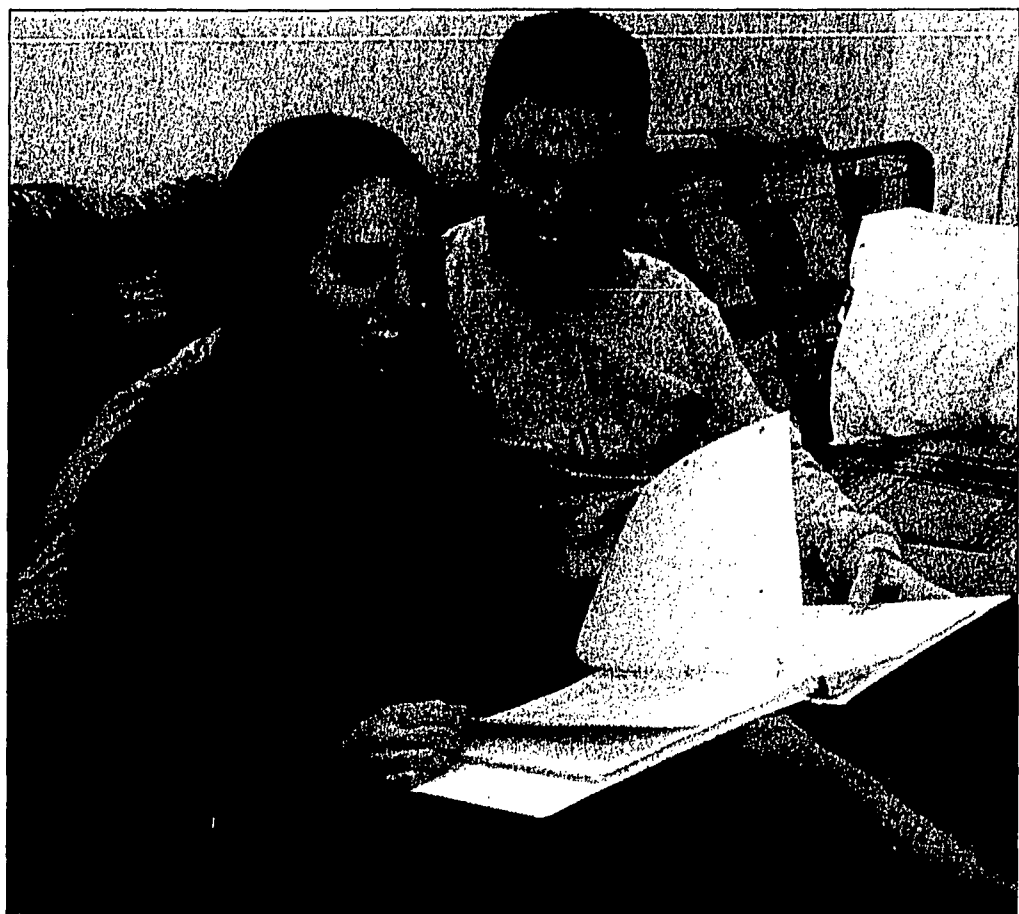


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Former Northwest baseball player Kaleb May helps his fiancé Stephanie Searle with her studies. May's unique proposal, in front of a packed Kauffman Stadium, caught Searle off-guard.

Celebrate the single life

My View



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Hearts, chocolate, flowers and jewelry—just a few perks of having a significant other in mid-February.

Ah yes, the time of the year dreaded by singles. The time when you look around at the happy couples showering each other with red and pink colored gifts and feel like gagging.

Happy freaking Valentine's Day. So you probably think I am going to continue on, only to complain about how much I hate Valentine's Day, but oh, how you are wrong.

In reality, I have nothing against the holiday. Granted, I don't have a significant other to "celebrate" it with, but that won't stop me from kicking it with Cupid. It's necessary to have more of an optimistic outlook on the "day for lovers."

I've recently noticed some of my friends chatting about the quickly approaching 14th of February. I was pleasantly surprised to hear positive comments coming from their mouths. They referred to Valentine's Day as Singles Aware-

ness Day, in all seriousness. No negative comments about being lonely or sad, but rather, excitement for a crazy "Ladies Night Out." This made me appreciate happy single people and gave me hope for the holiday.

This just in: Valentine's Day shouldn't be depressing. Did we not get that memo? Well, let's be honest, it is a holiday! It's one that's an extra excuse to get with your closest chums and celebrate. So let us stand up and celebrate! Celebrate being single, celebrate being in college and, most importantly, celebrate being alive. Aww snap! Life is good again.

Valentine's Day is a day of love. Don't let Cupid get the best of you this year. Instead, take advantage of the day and tell your loved ones how much they mean to you. Don't dwell if you don't have a significant other. Instead, give your closest friends a valentine and some extra lovin'. For when you love one another, you will be happy. Easier said than done, you may say, but it is as simple and as difficult as that.

If all else fails, send yourself some flowers and eat a ridiculous amount of chocolate. It is scientifically proven that chocolate, while not the healthiest snack, does make you happy. On that note, have a happy Valentine's Day, a happy day of love and a happy day of being alive. A little lovin' never did anyone wrong.

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Songs to help survive a lovers' holiday

Music is good for the body and good for the soul. Here are some special songs with a few lyrics that may help you get through spending this Valentine's Day alone.

"Song for the Dumped"—Ben Folds Five

"Wish I hadn't bought you dinner
Right before you dumped me
on your front porch
Give me my money back
Give me my money back"

"Lover I Don't Have to Love"—Bright Eyes

"Love's an excuse to get hurt, and to hurt
Do you like to hurt? I do, I do, so hurt me"

"This Love"—Maroon 5

"This love has taken its toll on me
She said goodbye too many times before
And her heart is breaking in front of me
I have no choice cause I won't say goodbye anymore"

"Piano Man"—Billy Joel

"And the waitress is practicing politics
As the businessmen slowly get stoned
Yes, they're sharing a drink they call loneliness
But it's better than drinkin' alone"

"Yesterday"—Paul McCartney

"Yesterday, love was such an easy game to play
Now I need a place to hide away
Oh, I believe in yesterday"

Other musicians that you should give a whirl:

Paul Simon
Coldplay
Guster
Counting Crows
Radiohead

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Unique proposal seals engagement

By JARED LITTLEJOHN
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Former Northwest baseball player Kaleb May proposed to his girlfriend of four years, Stephanie Searle, this past summer.

But, performed on a television screen the size of a house before 30,000 people, this wasn't your average marriage proposal.

Kaleb has played baseball for well over a decade, but has never felt more pressure at the ball park than June 18.

"It was the most stressful day of my life," May said.

Not only was May about to take the plunge in front of an entire stadium and family, but it was also Stephanie's 21st birthday. Searle was completely caught off guard. She was expecting birthday surprises and celebrations, but the surprise she got was the biggest one of her life.

"I knew something was weird, because I wanted to get a drink, but Kaleb said I couldn't leave my seat until the third inning," Searle recalled.

At the end of the second inning, the broadcaster announced "Can we please get your attention to the jumbo-tron?" and Searle saw herself on the big screen.

Just then, May stood up, palms sweaty, lowered to a knee and proposed. A tearful Stephanie said yes.

The couple met in the fall of 2000 at Maple Woods Community College in Kan-

sas City. May was an aspiring baseball player while Searle was a soft-spoken student.

Little did either of them know, Cupid's hand was directing the two into each other's arms.

On a cool September night, May and some friends were enjoying a night of wrestling on television.

Searle and her friend were invited over by May's roommate, catcher Ryan Hay. From there, sparks flew. Soon thereafter, May and Searle were going on their first date.

"The best way to describe our relationship is awkward and confused," laughed May. "I'm confused and she's awkward."

The couple are as easygoing as they come, perhaps partly due to Kaleb's motto in life, "I don't plan anything out."

May got a chance to finish his last two years of baseball at Northwest in the 2002-2003 season.

Searle followed May to Northwest, where the two remain today.

May will graduate this spring with a degree in recreation, while Searle will graduate in December 2004 with a degree in middle school education.

The wedding will be held July 24 in Kansas City, Mo. Two days later, the two Kansas City natives head for the tropical island of Jamaica.

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